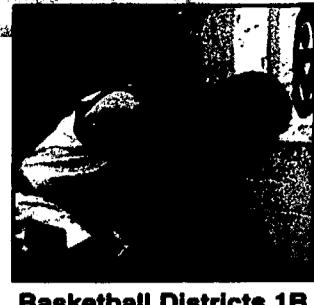




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\$\$ HITTING IT BIG \$\$

Grayling home to second big winner in three weeks

For the second time in three weeks, a lucky person from Grayling has hit it big. The first was 18-year old Jessie Smock. She won more than \$570,000 on February 20 playing a progressive slot machine at Turtle Creek Casino near Traverse City. Last week's big winner found his fortune in a multistate lottery game with a ticket purchased not far from his home.

Dennis Bofysil of Grayling knew he had won something on The Big Game ticket he purchased -- he just wasn't sure how much. Bofysil matched the first five numbers in the March 2 Big Game drawing to win \$150,000. Winner numbers that day were: 13, 23, 24, 25, 42 and the Big Money Ball number was 22.

"I went to the store where I purchased my ticket to find out what the winning numbers were," Bofysil said. "When I learned I had matched the first five numbers, I was shocked! I didn't know at first how much money I had won, so I asked the clerk for a Big Game brochure."

"That is when I learned I had won \$150,000. I was so surprised that I almost fell on the floor! I ran home to tell my wife the good news, but she didn't believe me. I haven't been able to sleep for days."

Bofysil purchased the winning



(Back row) Ole Dam Road Party Store owner Mark Hartman and Michigan Lottery representative Kevin Townsend look on as (front) Dennis Bofysil and his wife, Kim, proudly display their big check for \$150,000 won March 2 in The Big Game. With the Bofysils is Theresa Gothro the clerk who sold the winning ticket.

Big Game "easy pick" ticket at Ole Dam Road Party Store on M-72 in Grayling. Prior to turning the winning ticket in at Lottery headquarters in Lansing, the winner said he kept it with him at all times to ensure its safety.

The winner, who said he enjoys all sorts of outdoor activities

including boating, snowmobiling and hunting, said he plans to use part of his winnings to pay bills and invest the rest.

The lucky man offered the following words of wisdom to other Lottery hopefuls: "You've gotta play to win!"

The Big Game is a multistate lot-

tery game in Michigan, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Virginia. Wagers cost \$1 each and tickets may be purchased at more than 6,400 Michigan Lottery retailers statewide. Drawings are conducted every Tuesday and Friday at 11 p.m.

Six months allowed for discovery in shelter case

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

On March 7, Judge Dennis F. Murphy opted to hold a pre-trial conference in open court with the attorneys representing both sides in the case concerning the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. (ASCC) v. Dixie Lobsinger. In most cases, pre-trial conferences are held in the judge's chambers.

No members of the shelter board were on hand for the conference, but Lobsinger and five of her supporters, known as "Dixie's Underdogs," attended the conference. The Underdogs support group (of nearly 200 members) formed before the lawsuit was filed and holds the belief the ASCC Board was not duly elected by the members of the organization, thus had no right to remove Lobsinger or ask her for any records.

The ASCC filed the four-count lawsuit against the former shelter director on January 8, two days after they forced her to leave her volunteer position of ten years. The ASCC's main complaint is that after attempts to work with Lobsinger, she allegedly failed to

turn over shelter records to the board.

In the 46th Circuit Courtroom, Judge Murphy went down the pre-trial checklist for the suit filed against Lobsinger on January 8. The judge raised an eyebrow when attorney for the ASCC, Monte Burmeister, answered that nuisance and trespass were the basis of the lawsuit. He added his clients were also seeking injunctive relief on two counts in the lawsuit.

Burmeister and Keith DuBois, attorney for Lobsinger, agreed to a non-jury trial, with DuBois requesting Judge Murphy to allow his client to reserve the right to ask for a jury trial as the case progresses. The judge granted the request, but set aside two days for a non-jury trial in the interim.

The attorneys agreed mediation could be used on Count I - Nuisance and Count II - Trespass of the lawsuit as they can be considered jury issues. However, Count III concerning the "Demand for Accounting" of shelter records, financial and otherwise, and Count

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LOVELLS PUTS NEW FIRE TRUCK INTO SERVICE

New emergency vehicle is up and running after recall caused a delay

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Lovells Township recently put its new fire truck into service, following a recall that delayed the truck's debut several weeks. The new truck is "something we've needed for a long time," said Lovells Fire Chief Gary Davis.

The vehicle, a four by four, was designed specifically by the township to be able to travel into the narrow driveways located within Lovells Township, which should result in improved service. The truck the township replaced with the new, customized vehicle was more suited to city firefighting and not getting any younger.

The township now has five emergency vehicles, including a mini pumper, two pumpers, and a rescue vehicle. There are 13 on-call members of the Lovells Fire Department, four of which also serve in an EMS capacity.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Lovells Fire Department members show off the township's new fire truck. The vehicle was put into service late last month.

The department performs mutual aid duties in all of Crawford County and parts of Otsego, Montmorency, and Oscoda counties.

The department is planning a few small fund-raisers for this year to go along with the department's "main" fund-raiser: the annual Lovells Bridge Walk.

This year's Bridge Walk is scheduled for Saturday, August 18. The event typically raises about \$2,000-3000 for the Lovells Fire Department, Chief Davis said.

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Package unveiled to help with home heating costs

State House Republicans on March 7 pulled the wraps off legislation to help Michigan residents cope with expected higher utility costs and seek other assistance for heating their homes.

Reps. Ken Bradstreet, chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, and Nancy Cassis, chair of the Tax Policy Committee, unveiled the bills at a news conference in Lansing with House Speaker Rick Johnson.

"A number of factors have caused fuel costs to increase dramatically in the last year or so," said Bradstreet (R-Gaylord). "Many gas heating bills in Michigan have been insulated from the spiraling cost because of rate freezes, but those caps begin expiring this spring and rates will be adjusted to current market levels."

"This package of bills will help more people who may struggle to meet heating expenses next winter. It is a fiscally responsible plan that assists residents with their energy

bills and encourages greater conservation."

The Home Heating Initiative package:

- Extends the Home Heating Credit through 2004 and eliminates credit proration, so households receive the entire amount they qualify for;
- Changes eligibility criteria so more people are eligible for the credit, including \$8 million earmarked solely for senior citizens;
- Creates tax credits for weatherization materials and installing energy efficient home appliances to reduce fuel consumption;
- Increases utility service shut-off protections;
- Implements an income tax donation check-off box for taxpayers wishing to donate to energy assistance programs; and

• Caps the taxable price of natural gas, propane and fuel oil and introduces a three percent replacement fee on rate portions above the capped amounts.

"State government can do little about the price of fuel, but lawmakers can lift the burden from people who will be hardest hit by increased bills," Cassis said. "Tax benefits may not directly pay the monthly heat bill, but the assistance will help meet people's needs."

Resolutions in the package encourage programs that allow utility



Reps. Nancy Cassis and Ken Bradstreet discuss the Home Heating Initiative on March 7.

customers to round their bill payments up to the nearest dollar with the extra payment being used to fund local heating assistance needs, and promote and publicize existing private, state and federal energy awareness programs.

Johnson said the legislation is being presented at the perfect time.

"We are still in our cold weather season so these issues will be front and center in many people's minds," said Johnson (R-LeRoy). "Reps.

Bradstreet and Cassis are on the right track for offering safeguards and assistance so people can afford to stay warm during the winter months."

The package includes 10 bills and two resolutions. The legislation expands income allowance to help 56,000 additional households, opens some current program participation to 102,500 more households, and protects more people from utility shut-offs.

Sheriff warns of bogus telephone solicitors

Hundreds of annoying telephone solicitations continue to plague the citizens of Crawford County, according to Crawford County Sheriff David G. Lovely, who said his office received complaints from citizens and local businesses particularly in response to law enforcement solicitations.

Some law enforcement solicitors will pressure potential contributors into supporting a fund-raising organization while promising possible favors concerning parking tickets, traffic violations, or better protection, said Sheriff Lovely.

Due to the increase in solicitation calls, Sheriff Lovely would like to remind the citizens of Crawford County that his professional organization, the Michigan Sheriff's Association (MSA) does not conduct telephone solicitation.

However, it has been brought to the attention of the Sheriff and the MSA that the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan (DSA) is conducting heavy telephone solicitation. It is important for citizens to know that the two organizations are in no way affiliated with one another.

When a telemarketer contacts you, keep the following tips in mind:

- Contest high-pressure sales tactics.
- Do not send money by courier, overnight delivery or wire to anyone who insists they have the money immediately.
- Before you donate money,

check with your state or local consumer protection office to make sure the company and/or cause is legitimate.

If you wish to stop sales calls, the Attorney General's Office advises the following steps:

- Ask for the company's name and address.
- Demand that the telemarketer place your name on the "Do Not Call" list. The law requires them to honor your request.
- Write down the date and time that you received the phone call and the action that you took.
- If the telemarketer persists in trying to sell you product or service, hang up the phone.

For additional information concerning the do's and don'ts of telemarketing, Sheriff Lovely recommends contacting the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office at 1-877-765-8388.

Mobile Dental Unit to visit local schools this spring

The Strong Families/Safe Children Committee will sponsor visits by the Mobile Dental Unit to schools in the Crawford AuSable School District this May.

The Mobile Dental Unit will be visiting as follows:

- Grayling Elementary School - May 14 and 15
- AuSable Primary School - May 16 and 17;
- Grayling Middle School - May 18; and
- Frederic Elementary School -

May 21.

Children must be under the age of 15 years to be eligible for services. Parents/guardians must fill out an authorization form for each child prior to receiving services. Forms are available at the schools and at the Crawford County Family Independence Agency (FIA) office located on Huron Street in Grayling.

For more information, contact the schools or Sue McInally at the Crawford County FIA office, 344-5129.

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2001 Grayling Junior Miss to be named

Michelle Gildner is 17 years old and the daughter of Michael and Janet Gildner.

Michelle hopes to earn a Masters degree in Math Education and teach high school math.

When asked, "What is the most important thing you have learned about life thus far?" she answered, "Life is short. Don't worry about things that you'll never be able to change and give it your all."

Michelle said the people she admires most are her parents because "They have taught me so much that will stay with me throughout my life."



Michelle Gildner

Elizabeth "Bitsy" Hellebuyck is 16 years old and the daughter of Ron and Sandy Hellebuyck.

Bitsy plans to attend Kirtland Community College and "explore" their Cosmetology program.

When asked, "What is the most important thing you have learned about life thus far?" she answered, "I have learned not to obsess about the small things, for there are other productive uses for my time."

When asked who she admires the most and why, Bitsy responded, "I admire my sister, Carrie, because she is the nicest and friendliest person I know. I would love to have her all-around happiness and joy!"



Bitsy Hellebuyck

Lori Hinkle is 16 years old and the daughter of Doug and Mary Hinkle.

Lori plans to attend college to pursue a career in interior design.

When asked, "What is the most important thing you have learned about life thus far?" she answered, "I have learned to respect, appreciate and value differences in people."

Lori stated she admires her older brothers the most, "because they're both strong-willed individuals who have worked hard to achieve their goals."



Lori Hinkle

Ann Caroline Hughes is 16 years old and the daughter of Donna and Gary Pettyjohn and Richard Hughes.

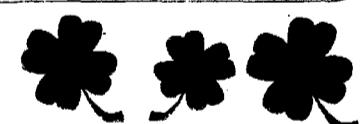
Ann plans to attend Northern Michigan University where she hopes to earn a Bachelor degree in Geriatrics.

When asked, "What is the most important thing you have learned about life thus far?" she answered, "To be true to my own goals and standards, especially in the presence of peer pressure. This includes taking a stand, even if I am standing alone."

Ann says the person she admires the most is her mom, "because it is easy to talk to her and she understands me. She leads me in the



right direction and believes in me."



Nicole Larm

Nicole Larm is 17 years old and the daughter of Candice and Jeff Taylor, and Darrell and Heidi Larm.

Nicole said she plans on attending Central Michigan University and study for a degree in Elementary Education.

When asked, "What is the most important thing you have learned about life thus far?" she answered, "Make your decisions for yourself; don't let anyone else lead your life for you."

When asked who she admires the most and why, Nicole responded, "My brother, Brad Larm, because he is very successful in engineering and has encouraged me to be all I can and do the best I can."



Sasha Tena Marie Latuszek is 16 years old. She is the daughter of Robert and Tena Dixon, and Doug and Denise Latuszek.

Sasha plans to attend Central Michigan University and major in Elementary teaching, minor in dance.

When asked, "What is the most important thing you have learned about life thus far?" she answered, "Live life to your fullest and never sell yourself short."

Sasha said the person she admires the most is her mom, "for all the hours she spends on my siblings and myself, the love she gives me, for her cheering me on through dance, school and life, and most of all, how she is my best friend."



Sasha Latuszek

Tiffany Nicole Pizzi is 17 years old and the daughter of Gaye Pizzi.

Tiffany plans to attend Central Michigan University, where she will pursue a career teaching English. She would also like to write and publish her poetry.

When asked, "What is the most important thing you have learned about life thus far?" she answered, "The most important lesson I have learned about life is not to be persuaded by the things which I know are wrong, but to stand by my beliefs and morals."

When asked who she admires the most, Tiffany said, "I admire the Lord Jesus Christ because he died on the cross for the world's sins."



Tiffany Pizzi

Penny Jean Rosin is 16 years old and the daughter of George and Jean Rosin.

Penny said she plans on attending Central Michigan University to study Performing Arts. She said she will then go on to be a singer.

When asked, "What is the most important thing you have learned about life thus far?" Penny responded, "Friends won't always be there, but family will."

Responding to the question, "Who do you admire the most and why?" Penny answered, "Jesus Christ, because he set an example of the perfect way to live your life."



Penny Rosin

Ashley Wolcott is 17 years old and the daughter of Jeff and Tanya Wolcott.

Ashley plans to attend Kirtland Community College to finish her Cosmetology licensing and eventually own a beauty salon.

When asked, "What is the most important thing you have learned about life thus far?" she stated, "Cherish everything you have; you never know when it could get taken away."

Answering the question, "Who do you admire the most and why?" Ashley said, "I admire my mother because she's not only a good mother, but a great friend."



Ashley Wolcott

On March 17, nine Grayling High School juniors will enter final competition in the 2001 Grayling Junior Miss Contest. The event will take place in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School at 7 p.m. as family and friends look on with anticipation.

Tickets are available only at Riverland Gear in downtown Grayling. The cost is \$10 and all seats are reserved.

To help introduce our readers to this year's contestants, the *Crawford County Avalanche* asked each young lady to respond to a short questionnaire. Some contestants wrote more than others, therefore some profiles are longer than others. The *Avalanche* also opts to place the girls in alphabetical order to maintain fairness and neutrality.

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GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

ANKLE SPRAINS

They hurt when they happen, and they hurt while they heal. Ankle sprains are common and painful. A person suffers a sprain when ligaments connecting the foot and ankle bones are stretched, partially torn, or completely torn. The injury can occur by walking on an uneven surface, tripping, or participating in an athletic event. After a sprain, the affected area may swell or bruise. A podiatrist will first examine the area to feel for possible damage to ligaments, tendons, bones, or joints. An X-ray is often conducted to rule out a fracture. After classifying the sprain as mild, moderate, or severe, the podiatrist will recommend a course of treatment. Surgery may be required in severe cases. The old adage "it is better to break

an ankle than sprain one" is not necessarily true if the injury is appropriately diagnosed and treated by a podiatrist. As a specialist in foot and ankle conditions, he or she is the most qualified person to help rehabilitate an injured ankle or foot and bring it back to normal function. Acute injuries or chronic conditions, foot care for the family is available at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Phone: 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

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OPINIONS

ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Blanchard, Granholm, Bonior: It'll be a fight

IT LOOKS LIKE Michigan Democrats are in for a primary election battle about who will carry their standard in the 2002 race for governor.

There's nothing wrong with that.

That's the way the system is supposed to work, and that's the way most voters like to see it happen.

That may not be true for the dyed-in-the-wool political manipulators. Most of them would prefer some sort of pre-primary settlement on a single candidate. That way they can control the outcome.

But what about the people? What about the two million-plus Michigan citizens who voted for Al Gore in the 2000 presidential election in Michigan?

Aren't they entitled to a direct voice in choosing the Democratic candidate for governor in 2002? What's wrong with a primary?

FROM THE STANDPOINT of the professional politician and party leaders, there's plenty wrong with a statewide primary.

It's expensive. Five or six candidates running for governor next year will all be raising money, trying to tap the same sources. How much money will the party faithful -- both individuals and PACs -- be able or willing to contribute for the race for governor? Primaries can dry up fund-raising sources and cramp the treasures of candidates in the final election, both for the eventual primary winner and other party candidates up and down the ticket.

Primaries also create political animosities. That's the nature of campaigns. Hurtful things can be said or done. Afterward, of course, everyone smiles and kisses and pledges party unity, but any election can create wounds that are difficult to heal, regardless of outward appearances.

Once a spirited primary is assured, all

hands will declare that the primary will only make the party stronger. Don't believe it. Hotly contested primaries always weaken the party structure.

FUNNY THINGS can happen in primaries, and frequently do. Democrats could wind up with Geoffrey Fieger as their candidate, as they did in 1998. Nobody except Republicans and Mr. Fieger would like to see that repeated. Back in 1982, Lt. Gov. Jim Brickley probably would have been a more effective Republican candidate for governor than outsider Dick Headlee, but that's not the way the primary went.

It's impossible to control who will vote in party primaries. Democrats sneak into Republican primaries, and Republicans sneak into Democratic primaries, both trying to undermine their opponents. Again, that's the nature of primaries -- unless there are important contests in both parties.

Turnout usually is low in Michigan's August primaries. Many of the four million Michigan voters who turned out in the 2000 presidential election won't bother in the August 2002 primary. Too many other distractions for voters in the dog days of summer interfere with civic duty, and besides, it's not really an election... only a primary.

BUT WHAT THE heck. When a party has so many qualified candidates who all feel now is the time to make their move -- as Democrats have for the 2002 election -- what other way than a primary can give Michigan voters a direct hand in making the choice of which one will have a shot at being their governor for the next four years.

In most cases, either party would be fortunate to have a single candidate with the credentials of the Democrats' top three: Jennifer Granholm has proved her spurs in the first two years of her tenure as attorney

general. David Bonior has a proven track record of 24 years in Congress and four years in the Michigan legislature. James Blanchard at 58 is young enough to go at it again after two previous terms as governor, four terms in Congress, and a stint as U.S. Ambassador to Canada.

The two second tier candidates -- State Sens. Gary Peters and Alma Wheeler Smith -- also have credible records.

Why should a few dozen men and women in some modern day version of a smoke filled room make the decision that only one of these candidates should have a chance to run for Michigan governor, and the others should not?

Why not let voters decide directly?

There's nothing wrong with that.

(Editor's Note: Richard L. Milliman, who has been writing The Almanack for about 30 years, returns this week after taking a few weeks off for knee surgery.)

EDITOR

What can we do?

To the editor,

Once again our nation has been shocked and saddened by the school shootings in various parts of our country. Parents who send their children off each morning to, what in the past we perceived to be a safe place, now do so with fear and trembling, wondering what the day may bring.

Teachers no longer only concentrate on lesson plans, but also are called upon to be conflict resolution experts, police replacements and watchers of suspicious remarks and conduct.

There is no easy way to prevent the unspeakable murders and injuries, wherever they may occur. We have learned that location, prosperity, or the lack thereof, make little difference in the events of violence that have become a daily threat. We have also learned that adults, who can be available as mentors, as lis-

tening ears and extra pairs of eyes, can make a difference -- often between life and death.

Our community is blessed with many persons, some who have retired here after many years in the business world or the teaching professions, who have experience, concern and skills to give of their time and talent in assisting our schools; may that be Primary, Elementary, Middle School or High School.

I often wonder why so little effort is being made of getting these volunteers involved. It would help a troubled student, assist the teachers to do their jobs better and make our community as safe a place as we can possibly make it. Something for our schools to think about!

Hertha Laupmanis
Grayling

Snowmobile officer is asset to us all

To the editor,

Recently, I was riding my snowmobile and came upon a motorist that had his car stuck in a snowbank. One snowmobile was already there. It was a Crawford County Sheriff snowmobile. Sheriff's Deputy Steve Anderson was already assisting the motorist. I attempted to help them out, also.

I commend this fine young man for his effort. I realize he is paid to help folks, but can assure you he went out of his way this time to assist the stranded motorist. He could have easily called a wrecker but instead had peeled off some of his snowmobile gear and was digging out the snow from under the car.

I had a couple of minutes to speak to Officer Anderson and I was very impressed with him. He informed

me he was attending school to qualify him as an officer and his goal was to be a permanent officer with our county force.

I hope this young man realizes his goal. I am one of the representatives of our local AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association and can assure you he is the kind of gentleman you want out on the snowmobile trails. We need to commend Sheriff Dave Lovely and his staff for having a man of this caliber representing not only his force but our community. Mr. Steve Anderson is an asset to all of us.

Neal J. Michal, Jr.
Public Relations Committee
AuSable Valley Snowmobile
Association
Grayling

School incident witnessed

To the editor,

This is in reference to the letter in last week's Avalanche entitled: "How safe are students after school hours?" First of all, I was there with a few other parents, cheerleaders and two of the coaches. The parent who wrote the letter was not anywhere on the school grounds. The people who were there witnessed plenty.

A boy was on a wild rampage while he ran and screamed through the halls of the school. Two of the coaches and the girls practicing their cheers had stopped to see what was wrong with the child. The child then began to attack another student in the hall, and then another child pitched in.

The two children (one of which was the one on a rampage) began to gang up on the one student. At this point a man went out into the hall from the cafeteria and asked the two children to leave the one alone. The boy that was already angry then became very disrespectful and began to lash out. The man then came back into the cafeteria and waited for his children to get done with their practices.

If that was considered a verbal attack, then something is really wrong with this world. But, the parent of the child who was out of control was not present. So, how

can any facts be known by an absent parent?

It was obvious by what I witnessed the child had never had any discipline and that caused the disrespect. Two other parents were on stand-by. If the one man hadn't stopped those children from attacking the other student, the other two parents were going to intercede.

There is plenty of hostility among students; look at all the shootings going on around us. Maybe if more parents were responsible enough to care about what their children are actually doing after school, there wouldn't be so much violence among the children and people could actually stop an attack against another student before it was too late.

If the child who was so disturbed that day has a behavior problem and needs to be constantly supervised and monitored, there are special schools for children like that. A parent should not unleash a child who is need of mental treatment on our public school system. That could put the other children in grave danger.

So, how safe are students after school hours? It's not concerned parents we need to worry about... it's unstable children who are capable of attacking other students for no reason. It will lead to tragedy.

just like at Columbine in Littleton, Colorado.

As parents and citizens of this country, we should be outraged at the negligent parents who leave it up to society to deal with uncontrollable children. The responsibility belongs to the parents, not to whoever seems to be present. What if the parent hadn't been there and that student who was under attack had been seriously injured or worse? What would have been written in the paper then? It's a shame more parents aren't concerned or don't act responsibly when children are concerned.

We try to teach our children to tell the truth and take responsibility for their actions. The fact remains, the parent of the child (who was out of control) was not there in the building. The fabricated story that was told in the paper was way out of context. And, why? Because the parent did not witness what happened, she did not see what had happened.

The school has precautions for "the big, bad wolf" that "hangers" for a child. The only fear present is the danger of angry children in need of medical attention.

Lily Weaver
Grayling

Silence should not be mistaken for support

To the editor,

This is a message from me to the animal shelter board:

I have decided it is time that I expressed my opinion. I wouldn't want my silence to be perceived as approval or some act of support for you, our "self-appointed" animal shelter board. This situation is completely out of hand.

As far as I can tell, the community does not support you. I hear people talking in local restaurants, at public gatherings, even in line at the grocery store. They all seem as outraged as I am. We just want you to give the running of the shelter back to Dixie.

If you were unable to work with her, then you should have gotten out of the way and let someone else come in and do the job. What you have done here is inexcusable. If you had the best interest of the animals at the shelter in mind, you would have had no trouble working out any differences with Ms. Losbinger.

We are all aware of the fact that she continues to put the animals' interests above all else. When you are willing to give every day of the next 13 years of your life to this community, with no financial compensation and very little acknowledgment of any kind, then maybe we will get behind you.

The lost, abandoned, injured and abused animals of Crawford County and the surrounding areas have suffered a huge loss. I don't see how we can allow this to continue. Your motivations are of little importance in this situation. You do not represent me, nor do I believe you represent the majority of the people who live here. The animals at the shelter are not better off as a result of what you have done.

Whose best interest are you looking out for? Our shelter may have been a bit run down and in need of new facilities. The animals, however, were well cared for.

All of the pain in the world does not make up for this loss. You have harmed this community.

Cheryl Postma
Grayling

Opposition says bond issue with 'no frills' is needed

To the editor,

Here we go again folks! In the February 28 issue of the Avalanche, Ms. Marge Franklin bemoans the fact that there are buckets in the high school to catch the water from a leaky roof, therefore we should support the upcoming excessive bond issue to correct the problem.

For the umpteenth time, here is what I and many other concerned citizens of Grayling will support... We have stated many times that we believe it is our belief that a bond

issue should be passed replacing the roof and heating system, period!

The other frills, such as additional class and other "improvements" need to be removed from the proposal. Until they are, we will continue to oppose any bond issue which will burden the people with an unnecessary assessment in their taxes.

Oh, by the way... Remember the slogan, "Remember the Alamo," which rallied the people of Texas in the 1800s? The slogan which should rally the people of Grayling should

James W. Allman
Frederic

City police are there for school kids, etc. 24-7

To the editor,

This is in answer to Kelly S. Shear's letter in the March 8 Avalanche.

Mrs. Shear, I take it you have not lived in Grayling very long, or you don't live within the city limits. It is obvious to me that you are unaware that if you called the police after 4:30 p.m. and got the answering

machine instead, all you did was call city hall.

Yes, the city (Grayling) police work out of city hall, but in order to get a city patrolman, you should call Central Dispatch, 348-4911, at the courthouse and if the duty patrolman is not on another call, he will immediately be informed of your call and at the scene as fast as he can get

there.

Also, in case you don't know it, the city Police are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

So, please don't be too "enraged." You can get a city patrolman if you need one!

Patricia P. Schreiner
Grayling

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BRIEFS

NWS offers Weather Safety presentation

National Weather Service meteorologists from the Gaylord office will present a program on Weather Safety at the Fred Bear Building at Hanson Hills in Grayling on Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m. The Hanson Hills Amateur Radio Club will host the 90-minute presentation. The program is for people of all ages and is offered as a public service and is free of charge. The Weather Safety program can help everyone prepare for the summer season and severe weather. For more information, call Warning Coordination Meteorologist Brian Hirsch at (517) 731-3384, ext. 726.

'Relay for Life' kicks off this Friday

Organization of the Grayling area annual Relay for Life 24-hour walk for the American Cancer Society will kick off this Friday, March 16 at 6 p.m. in the AuSable Primary School cafeteria. Anyone interested in helping with or participating in the event scheduled for June 9-10 should attend the kick-off or call Grayling's Relay Coordinators: Denise Cinciala at (517) 348-2337 or Vickie Knirk at (517) 275-9500.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m. in Classroom C&D at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call (517) 821-5721.

St. John Ladies host lunch/card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon/card party on Wednesday, March 21 in the Fellowship Hall of the church located on Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by card games. Fill a table, bring a friend or just come to enjoy an afternoon. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Dorothy McLeod at (517) 348-9169.

Narcotics Anonymous meets Sundays

There will be a new weekly Sunday evening Narcotics Anonymous meeting held in Grayling. Meetings will be held each Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, located one mile west of the city, just off M-72. For more information, call Joel W. at (517) 348-8512.

Women bowlers to hold spring meeting

The Grayling Women's Bowling Association's Spring meeting will be held March 20 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. The Tournament prize money will be disbursed at this time; also election of officers will be held. Members are encouraged to attend.

Conservation District to hold tree sale

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District will hold its annual spring tree sale in April. Species available include blue spruce, white spruce, Norway spruce, red cedar, Douglas fir, Jack pine, white and red pine seedlings. Blue, white and Norway spruce, northern white cedar, as well as red and white pine transplants are also available. The District is also offering a wide variety of shrubs and hardwoods which include birch, red maple, sugar maple, white oak, larch, elderberry and apple trees. For more information, call the District office at (517) 275-5231 or stop in at 606 Lake Street in Roscommon.

Alumnus of the Year nominations sought

The Kirtland Community College Alumni Committee is looking for nominations for the 2001 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.

Selection criteria considers additional education beyond that received at Kirtland, professional accomplishments, involvement in community activities, leadership, and post-degree involvement with Kirtland or education in general. The nominee must have graduated in 1991 or before with a Certificate of Completion or Associate Degree.

Persons may nominate themselves or someone else. Former nominees who have not been selected previously are welcome to have their names resubmitted for consideration each year.

The alumnus selected will be recognized and asked to speak briefly at the college graduation ceremony on May 11. His or her name will also be engraved on a plaque in the Administration Center on the campus.

Formal written nomination highlighting the above criteria must be sent by April 6 to: Stacey Barnes, Director, Student Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Free service helps seniors sort through insurance maze

Are you a senior citizen having trouble sorting through the maze of Medicare and Medicaid? Help is obtainable through the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP).

Seniors can access these services or general information on Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, long-term care insurance, etc. by calling the MMAP hotline at 1-800-803-7174, ext 258. Follow the instructions on the recording and someone will return your call to assist you.

The Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program is available in all 12 counties of northeast Michigan; however, new volunteers are needed as MMAP Counselors -- particularly in Alcona, Arenac, Cheboygan and Iosco Counties.

The MMAP program has been helping seniors since 1984. Anyone interested in volunteering for this rewarding program can leave a message on the hotline recording and the program coordinator will call with more information.

Learn CPR with the Red Cross

They say a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, but in the case of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training provided by the American Red Cross, a little knowledge can save a life.

Last August, a routine trip to buy groceries almost turned to tragedy when a Gaylord man collapsed in the supermarket. Quick action by two women trained in CPR kept him alive until the paramedics arrived and applied a heart defibrillator.

It only takes a short time to learn the simple techniques of CPR, but in an emergency it could help provide years more life for someone needing resuscitation.

March is Red Cross Month, a good time for anyone to undergo training in CPR or one of the many other courses offered by the Red Cross that either save lives or prevent suffering.

As an example, the Red Cross provides training in disaster assistance that is comprehensive and includes courses both in how to assess people's needs and deliver those needs. Once the course is completed, the person then becomes

part of a Red Cross Disaster Action Team.

These teams provide aid in the event of disaster, whether large or small. In the case of large disasters such as tornado, ice storm, hurricane, blizzard or earthquake, teams from all corners of the country converge to help in providing food, shelter and medical assistance.

For smaller disasters, such as a single family dwelling destroyed by fire, members of the Red Cross provides assistance in the form of clothing, food and shelter for the family members.

In the area served by the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the Red Cross, 78 single-family dwelling fires received such assistance during the past year.

The Red Cross is a nationwide organization that operates on a yearly budget of \$2.7 billion. The vast majority of this money comes from contributions.

For details on how you can contribute to the Red Cross, either by volunteering time or financial support, call 1-800-691-6059.

March is Red Cross Month.

Senior Center packed with services, activities

The Commission on Aging (COA) Senior Center, at 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling, offers many services and activities for local senior citizens each month. The following items are scheduled over the next week:

• A Sunday Pancake Brunch is planned for March 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

• Tuesday, March 20 is Big Screen Movie Night at the Center. Showing at 5:30 p.m. will be "The Last of the Blonde Bombshells." Both the movie and the popcorn are

offered at no charge.

• The Senior Center's COA Board of Directors will meet in Frederic on March 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Frederic Township Hall.

• The Senior Center offers a Telephone Reassurance program for those who live alone. Staff members call seniors every day to see how they are doing.

For information on the Telephone Reassurance program or any other activity or service offered by the COA Senior Center, call 348-7123.

Learn how thoughts, beliefs can effect your well being

A class entitled "Living Balance" will be offered March 19, from 12 noon to 12:45 p.m., in the Gamble Auditorium at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey and on March 21, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center, also in Petoskey.

Local speaker Eric Larson, MA, MSSW, will present information about how thoughts and beliefs can affect a person's overall state of

health.

There is no fee for these classes. To register or for more information, call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777.

The Center is located at 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey, across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital and is an outreach of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

Hypnosis may help smokers kick the habit

A class exploring the use of hypnosis as a technique to guide smokers on a path to smoking cessation will meet March 20, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center in Petoskey.

Stop Smoking with Hypnosis is geared to help smokers understand the dynamics of their compulsive behavior and will offer information on better coping skills and stress management.

There is no fee for this class. To register or for more information, call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777.

The Center is located at 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey, across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital and is an outreach of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

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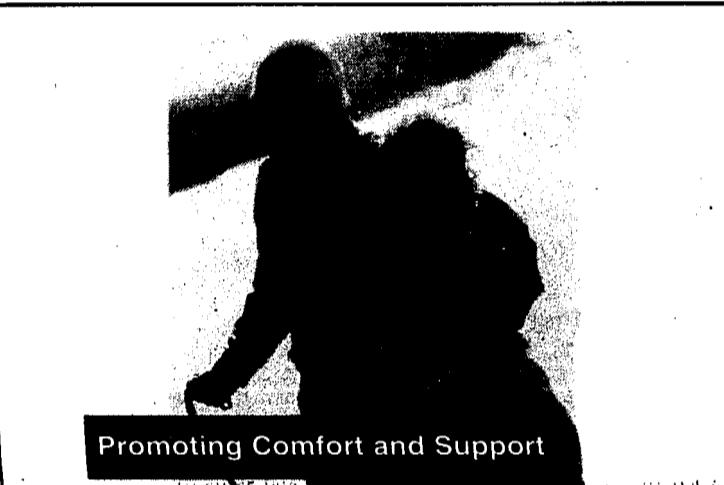
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The group meets on the third Monday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Crawford Room of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

There is no cost to attend. If you have any questions, please call (517) 348-0428.

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The Bible Speaks

Restoring Morality?

A 100-question survey of more than 1,500 Americans by a nonpartisan research organization reveals that Americans are convinced of religion's ability to change moral attitudes and behavior. The report is titled "For Goodness' Sake: Why So Many Want Religion to Play a Greater Role in American Life." Deborah Wadsworth, president of the Public Agenda organization, says Americans reveal "an intrinsic respect for pluralism, a deep commitment to religious freedom; and in wanting more religion, they say it can be any religion, not just their own."

The poll indicated a common desire for a solution to the moral deficiencies plaguing our nation. There was a common concern for the deterioration in family structure, declining civility and respectfulness, and rising materialism. A 69 percent majority of those polled believe more religion is "the best way to strengthen family values and moral behavior." They also believe that more religion would lead to a decrease in crime and greed.

The poll indicated Americans believe there is a strong tie between religion and morality. There is a growing desire to bring religion back into education. "There is this sense that young people are out of control, with no moral com-

pass, and religion is the antidote," Ms. Wadsworth says. School prayer is considered by 56 percent of those polled to be one of the most effective ways to improve youths' values and behavior. While 74 percent say prayer teaches that faith in religion and God is an important part of life. While respecting the concept of church-state separation, 60 percent disagree that "school prayer violates the Constitution."

Immorality and family degeneration is reaching into all areas of society including those who profess some kind of religious faith. Nevertheless, fully 74 percent agreed that "it's a bad idea for families to raise children without any religion." To raise children without any religious training is to raise them without any moral foundation for determining right from wrong.

The above poll is encouraging because it reveals some spiritual sense remains in American thinking. Authority and accountability shape values that determine attitudes and actions. A rejection of all absolutes including God and the Bible is the root cause of moral relativity which has led to amorality and/or immorality which permeates American society.

America is becoming like Israel of old

"In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes." (Judg. 17:6) Those who reject God's existence, authority, and commandments become like self-righteous fools bent upon self-destruction. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good." (Psa. 14:1-1) "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but that he hearkeneth unto counsel is wise." (Prov 12:15) "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts." (Prov 21:2)

Will America repent as one nation under God, or self-destruct as a nation of fools? Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html> We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more about Jesus Christ. Join us in verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Travel to where four states meet

Cultural Events, part of the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program, will present its fourth travelogue of the season on Thursday, March 22, featuring the only place in America where four states meet. The travelogue, entitled "4Corners," will be held at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling at 7:30 p.m.

"4Corners," presented by filmmaker James R. Tompkins of California, will be shown through digital video disk format and will feature CD-quality sound. The travelogue will focus on areas near where the borders of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah intersect among scenic mountains, raging rivers, remote canyons, and historic cultures. Several national parks located in the area will be featured in "4Corners," including Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches, and

Canyonlands. Other highlights will include scenes involving slot canyons, steam trains, boating, jet skiing on Lake Powell, mountain biking, and other adventure sports.

Tompkins, a member of the Oregon-California Trails Association, will be narrating the "4Corners" travelogue in person. Tompkins grew up in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, where he gained an early appreciation of nature and landscapes. He studied Film Production and Art History at Ithaca College, and acquired a Bachelor's Degree in Cinematography. After graduation, he moved to southern California and spent several years working on motion pictures, videos, and screenplays. He started his own production company, Southwind Productions, in 1986 and later co-founded a trade organization called the Professional Videographers Network.

Tickets for the "4Corners" travelogue can be purchased at the door, or by calling the Crawford AuSable Community Education Office at (517) 344-3539. Tickets are \$5/individual, or \$4.50 for a student or senior. Doors open at 6:45 p.m., and the travelogue will begin at 7:30 p.m.



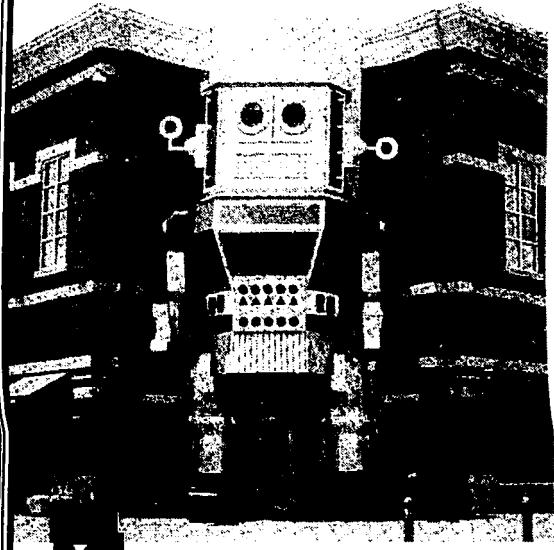
Arches in Utah's canyon country will be one of the many sites featured in the upcoming "4Corners" travelogue.

the travelogue will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"4Corners" is the fourth travelogue in the Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's "Travel & Adventure Series." The Travel & Adventure Series is made possible by a partnership between the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program and lead sponsor Fick & Sons.

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Look at the huge robot in this picture. Remember when robots were, "more fiction than truth", as many of our grandparents would say. Even so, the robot is nothing without the builder and the programmer...basically a pile of metal, circuits and bolts. But because it's creators give it a "brain", the robot becomes useful, obeying each command.

Unlike the creator of the robot, our Creator gives us the ability to make choices and a soul that can guide us in those choices. When we ask God to live in our "control center", our choices are wiser ones and we feel peace and joy in our lives.

In Hebrews 11:10, we read that "the builder and maker is God". Visit God's house this week. He is waiting to help you build your future. Won't you let the Creator have the power in your life?

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MILITARY NEWS

The 121 citizen soldiers of the 1071st Maintenance Company, Michigan Army National Guard unit returned from Ft. Irwin, California (National Training Center) on February 3, completing their 15 day annual training period.

The unit trained with the 1073rd Maintenance Company of Greenville and was attached to the Corps Support Battalion of the NTC, according to Captain Mike McNamara, Company Commander

of the 1071st.

The units training involved: Automotive platoon rebuilding 6.5L diesel engines, starter and alternator rebuild; Electronics platoon laying new phone lines and rebuilding computer and tactical radios; Track platoon rebuilding M-1 tank engines, and lowering the NTC's maintenance backlog; Quartermaster removed and recycled refrigerant from refrigerators, and Armament pla-

toons worked on the fire control systems on several different type of combat tracked vehicles.

Along with the excellent training received, the unit (and their personnel) also received numerous awards for outstanding performance. Additionally, there were promotions involving Adam Boesler, promoted to Private First Class; also, Todd Weaver and Ed Barrows, promoted to Sergeant (E-5).

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Photos provided by Cub Scout Pack 3993

House passes first phase of Bush tax reduction

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland) voted on March 8 to provide tax relief for working families. H.R.3, which passed in the House of Representatives, accelerates, increases and makes retroactive tax rate reductions while staying within a budget that protects Medicare and Social Security, pays down the debt, and allows increased funding for the President's other priorities, such as Education and Defense.

"It has been 20 years since Americans have seen any significant federal tax relief, but somehow government keeps getting a spend-

ing increase every year. That isn't fair. With a slowing economy and soaring prices, this is the energy we need to turbo-charge our economy for further expansion and job growth," Rep. Camp said.

"High taxes are not only a tax on the ability to create wealth for working people, they are a tax on opportunity itself — the opportunity for Americans to determine their own destiny, make their own choices, and keep more of what they have worked so hard to earn. These values are the very essence of democracy itself. It's the people's money, they worked hard for it, and they

deserve a refund," said Camp.

The bill, modeled after President Bush's plan to reduce taxes, provides immediate tax relief by reducing the current 15 percent tax rate on the first \$12,000 of taxable income for couple (\$6,000 for singles). A new 12 percent rate would apply retroactively to the beginning of 2001. The rate would be reduced even further to 10 percent by the year 2006.

By 2006, the present-law structure of five income tax rates (15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent) would be reduced to four rates of 10 percent,

15 percent, 25 percent and 33 percent. Overall, the bill will return \$958 billion to taxpayers over the next ten years.

"As President Bush has said many times, this is the people's money, not the government's. We must give significant tax relief to the working families of this country, or government will swallow the money with more wasteful spending," Camp said.

Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) did not vote on the tax-reducing legislation.

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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by Parent Improvement Team,

The 7th and 8th grade choirs both performed at Districts on Saturday. Both took a "2" overall and a "1" in sight-reading.

School pictures will be Thursday, March 15. You might want to check your child's appearance before he/she leaves the house.

Middle School Spirit Week will

be March 23-29. There will be a kick-off activity night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the 23rd with dancing, games, food, and open gym. Chaperones are needed for the activity night.

The 7th grade Alhambra Palace project was a success. Each 7th grade student worked on a project between March 2-8 to be part of "A Medieval Banquet at the Alhambra

Palace" in Islamic Spain.

The 7th grade will be having another reward day on March 20, "Diligent Tuesday," for students turning in all work by March 16. Students with missing work will be provided time and support to catch up. "Diligent" students will choose from several enrichment activities.

The 6th graders have a PERK trip coming up on Thursday, March 22. They will be going to the sportsplex. Parent volunteers are needed for the trip.

8th graders received information on their spring trip in the mail this weekend. If you did not see it, ask your child. It has a lot of information that 8th grade parents need to know about this trip.

March is "Reading Month." Encourage your middle schooler to read.

Community Child Watch Program presented to Frederic students

Officer Paul Smith of the Crawford County Sheriff Department is currently assigned to Grayling Township as the Township Officer and has been working on enhancing the Community Child Watch Program for the community.

Sheriff Dave Lovely said Smith had the privilege on February 27 of presenting the program to approximately 65 students at Frederic Elementary School. Students were in grades Kindergarten through third.

The presentation consists of a brief explanation of the program and a video was shown. Each child was sent home with an informational packet, explaining to parents what had occurred at school that day and

inviting them to become part of the "Watch."

A follow-up session is set for March 13 for the third through fifth grade students in Frederic and dates are forthcoming for AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary students.

To date, there have been ten individuals that have taken the required instruction and background check to become part of the "Watch." These persons will be receiving their signs to display within the week.

Anyone with any questions about the Community Child Watch Program, or who would like to become part of the "Watch," should call Officer Smith at the Sheriff's Office, 348-4616, voice mail #336.

Join Shoppenagon's Inn and The Zone's Disc Jockeys on St. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 - 1:00 for The "Zone" Party WAVC-FM 93.9 Featuring "Bad Monkey" In The Nocturnal Dance Club Saturday Night Surf and Turf Buffet also Corned Beef and Cabbage

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The Kirtland Community College Foundation has received a donation in the amount of \$50,000 from the Don Castle Trust. The amount represents partial distribution of a share of the total residue of the Trust, which is administered by Chemical Bank and Trust Company in Midland. A second and final portion of the gift will be presented to the Foundation in the near future.

Castle died at the age of 93 on July 5, 2000. He was a resident of Prudenville, where he retired after many years of service as a cemetery caretaker and sexton for the City of Jackson. He was a World War II combat veteran and an outstanding marksman.

Dr. Louis Boggs, President of the Foundation, said he understood from the Trust administrators and from reports from Castle's relatives, that he was a hard-working, frugal, quiet gentleman who, while his formal schooling was curtailed at an early age, was a voracious reader and self-educated man. "It is obvious that he believed very strongly in

supporting education and in helping others. The Foundation is one of eight charitable organizations to receive gifts from the Trust. We are very grateful for his extraordinary generosity, and we wish to ensure Mr. Castle's relatives that his gift will be used to enhance the educational opportunities of area youth, as he wished," Boggs said.

Kirtland President, Dr. Charles D. Rorie, said "These kinds of gifts are so helpful to the Foundation in providing assistance to educational programs and services offered by the College. Mr. Castle's name will be placed on a special plaque and displayed with the names of other donors in the College Administration Center. Plans for special uses of this generous donation are pending."

The Kirtland Community College Foundation was established in 1972 for the purpose of soliciting funds from the private sector to augment and extend services of the college to the community. Every year the Foundation allocates funds for stu-

dent scholarships, departmental equipment, cultural enrichment programs, and special educational projects. Persons interested in additional information about the work of the Foundation or about making a contribution should write,

call or e-mail the Foundation at: Kirtland Community College Foundation, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653; phone (517) 275-5000, ext. 253; or visit the web site at: www.kirtland.cc.mi.us.

Kaiser promoted to manager

Therese Kaiser, after serving Huntington as a personal banker for eight years has been promoted to Sales and Service Manager of the Grayling Office.

Among her duties as manager, she is responsible for the day-to-day management of the banking office, as well as overseeing new and existing consumer and business customer relations.

Kaiser is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and Habitat for Humanity and is Vice President of the Grayling Promotional Association. She lives in Grayling with her family.



Therese Kaiser

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Annual veterinary conference ends with hoedown



After days of intense continuing education, employees of two local veterinary clinics enjoyed a Western-themed banquet the last evening of a Veterinary Conference in Lansing. Front row, from left: Vicki Erfourth, Diane Moore, Sherri Olsen, Shirley Scott, Suzanne Pennell. Standing, from left: Jamie McGuire and Kathryn Hramiec.

Kirtland to co-sponsor sign language workshop

Kirtland Community College joins with the Northern Michigan Association with the Deaf (NMAD) and the Family Independence Agency's Division of Deafness (DOD) in sponsoring the 5th Annual Bi-Cultural Retreat Workshop from Friday through Sunday, March 23 - 25, at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center, in Roscommon.

Brenda Dawe, QA III, ASL (American Sign Language) Instructor at Kirtland says the theme

of this year's workshop is "Mind, Body & Spirit - More Than Just A Pretty Face."

"This event will show how our thinking can influence our body and spirit, how our body's health can influence our mind's ability to think and reason, and how our soul influences our choices of attitude and behavior," says Dawe.

Key presenters for the Saturday workshop program include: Dr. M.H. Chapman, MD ("You Think

You're Stressed? Look What Your Body Is Going Through!") and Darlene and Mark Zangara, MA, LPC ("Control Your Thoughts or Lose Your Mind!").

The featured speaker on Sunday will be Peter Virtue, MRC Director and Deaf Minister ("Mind and Body Held Together by 'SUPER GLUE' of the Spirit"). All of the main presentations at the Workshop are professionally interpreted/voiced by Julie Poletti, CI/CT, and Heidi Jones,

The 13th annual Michigan Veterinary Conference was held in Lansing this past January. The doctors and staff from the Grayling Hospital for Animals and the Roscommon Veterinary Clinic were in attendance.

Topics of the conference ranged from animal health to veterinary technology and practice management.

Local veterinarian Dr. Paul Mesack, DVM, has served on the executive committee for the conference for the last four years and Shirley Scott served as a moderator for the guest speakers.

This year's Michigan Veterinary Conference banquet held a Western theme. The staff "excelled" both during the evening entertainment as well as the daily continuing education.

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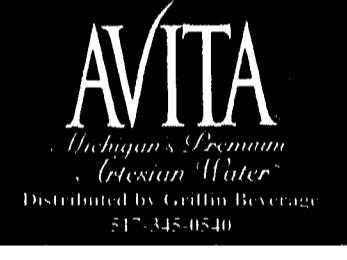
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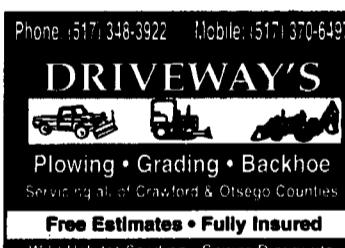
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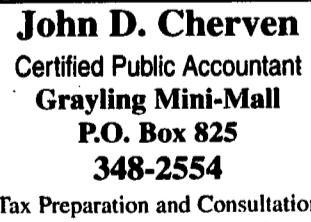
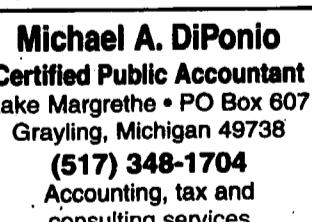
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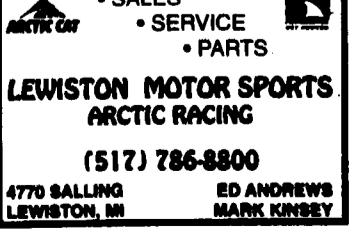
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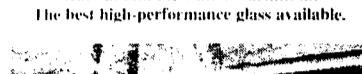
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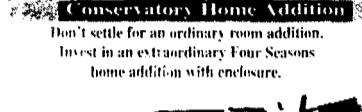
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Thu. 15 - Meatloaf/ Oven Pork: 11 to noon Blood Pressure and sugars taken: 1:00 Pinochle Club: MMAP Counselor here to help with your insurance and Medicare or Medicaid problems: Casino trip at 9:30: COA Personnel Committee meets at 4:30.

Fri. 16 - Sweet and Sour Pork/ no no

dinner: 1:00 Pantry Bingo and 80 cent rummy.

Sun. 18 - Pancake Brunch from 10 to 1.

Mon. 19 - Italian Round Steak/ Chicken Cacciatore: 10:00 Gripe and Gab Club: 12:00 Stag Cards: 1:00 Bridge Club: 5:30 Hangman.

Tue. 20 - Roast Chicken with stuffing/ Breaded fish: 1:00 Euchre Club: Finance Committee meets at 3 and a movie at 5:30. "The Last of the Blonde Bombshells," movie is free and so is the popcorn.

Wed. 21 - Connecticut Ham Dinner/ Roast Beef: 10:00 Exercises: 11:00 Line Dancing: 12:30 Stag Cards: Hearing Clinic by appointment: Special treat - make your own sundaes at noon and 5: COA board meets in Frederic at the township hall.

Thought to leave you with: We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing.

LIBRARY NEWS

Irene Honey is one of the many volunteers who helps keep the Lovells Township Library open.

Mrs. Honey has been volunteering for over 5 years at the Library and currently works the 1st Saturday of the month from 12 - 3 p.m. Mrs. Honey loves books and likes to get the first pick of the "new books". Some of her favorite authors are Maeve Binchy and Rosamund Pilcher. Historical novels are a favorite plus books about relationships and some mysteries.

If you are new to the community, volunteering at the Library is a good way to meet people, according to Irene Honey.

Volunteering runs in the family. Mr. Honey is a volunteer fireman for Lovells Township.

For more information call the Lovells Township Library.

Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215

Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone number is 348-9214.

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RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 14, 2001 through March 20, 2001:

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For further information call 1-800-628-5820.



OBITUARIES

Alice I. Denewitt

March 14, 1926 - March 9, 2001
Alice I. Denewitt, 74, of Roscommon died in her home March 9, 2001.

Funeral services were held March 12 at Sorenson Funeral Home. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Michael David Ledger

Nov. 30, 1957 - March 6, 2001
Michael David Ledger, age 43, of Grayling died March 6, 2001 at Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

Private family visitation and graveside services were held. Burial was at All Saints Cemetery in Detroit.

In memory of...

In Loving Memory of My Husband, Jack Alef

To think it has been a year ago, you were in my presence suffering so. While at night in bed you laid, I went to my room. I prayed and prayed.

I was really scared and could not do, a lot of the things people wanted me to. You were so unique and did not care; all you wanted was I to be there.

The end was rough, only you and I know, how much we loved each other so.

We said good-bye before they laid you to rest, we both knew our kids would give you the best.

Today as I watch the boats go by, I feel so lonely sometimes I cry;

Then I look up to the sky and feel you looking down on me saying "It's O.K.... I'm where I want to be."

In Loving Memory,

Your Wife Gloria

In memory of...

Our Friend, Father, Grandpa

On March 19th, one year ago, God took you from us to be with Him. Although we feel very sad, and lonely without your physical presence among us, we find inner peace knowing you no longer suffer and that you once again hold your head high, and stand tall with the pride you always had within you.

We know that when we see that single star in the night that you are looking down on us and making sure we are safe. You were and always will be our HERO and "The Wind Beneath Our Wings!!!"

In Memory of Jack Alef

With Love,

Mary, Anthony and David.

Remember:

Crawford County is one of many locations in the 517 area code that will change to 989 effective April 7, 2001

Mary C. Bazin

April 20, 1926 - March 6, 2001
Mary C. Bazin, 74, of Petoskey died March 6, 2001, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Mary was born April 20, 1926 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to Sylvester and Ethel (Lord) Driscoll. She attended Pennsylvania schools. On April 24, 1948 she married Russell V. Bazin in Detroit. The couple made their home in Garden City for about 30 years. Following retirement, the couple moved to Grayling until 1997 when they moved to Petoskey.

She was a member of F.O.E. Grayling Aerie No. 3465 and was a past-president of the ladies auxillary. Mary was a Girl Scout leader and Boy Scout den mother. She enjoyed bingo, crocheting, knitting and quilting; she also enjoyed shopping with her family.

She is preceded in death by her brother, David Driscoll.

Survivors include: her husband, Russell; four daughters, Eileen Wood and husband Paul of Calumet; JoAnn Starnes and husband Jim of Traverse City; Janice John and husband Ed of Dearborn Heights and Roz Swanson and husband Jim of Harrison; one son, Robert Bazin and wife Teresa of Petoskey; one sister, Shirley Peterson of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; one brother, John Diamond of Farmville, Virginia; 18 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Bailey.

Funeral services were held March 9 at Stone Funeral Home in Petoskey. The Reverend Fr. John Tupper officiating.

In memory of...

Ed Harris

12-31-28 to 3-12-00

Though you are not with us, I still see your face.

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To watch over all of us and help us to be strong. To guide us through our days on earth where we will never walk alone.

For you are with us everyday and guiding us to your way.

You are loved so much and we only pray that we can be with you again someday.

We love and miss you Dad.

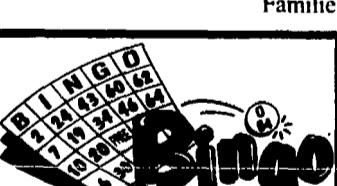
Card of Thanks

The family of William H. Kent would like to take this time to thank everyone that was there while our dad was at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Bob and Nancy McLachlan for keeping us informed of our dad's condition; Thank you to Bob and Nancy's son Jeff who works at the hospital.

Thank you to Subway and Goodale's Bakery employees that sent cards and flowers; and to Sorenson Funeral Home at the time of his death.

Thank you, Louise, Lois, Bill, Roger and Families



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VIKINGS EDGED BY NORTHMEN

District final game goes down to the wire

► Petoskey comes out on top by four in back-and-forth District title game
by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Vikings put forth a great effort against the Northmen of Petoskey in last Friday's District final showdown, but came up just a little short. Petoskey edged Grayling's varsity boys basketball team 76-72 to win the District title in a match that featured eight ties and 12 lead changes.

Petoskey scored first, and the Vikings answered with a shot inside by Marcus Marellich. A jumper by Brad Gorski tied the game at 4-4.

Petoskey struck first in the perimeter battle at the 5:16 mark, connecting with its first of three first quarter triples. Marcus Bobenmoyer answered with a three-pointer for Grayling, tying the game at 7-7.

Petoskey scored another three-point bucket at the 3:55 mark. Bobenmoyer again answered for Grayling with a triple. Two buckets by the Northmen gave Petoskey a 16-11 lead.

With 2:46 left in the first quarter, Bobenmoyer converted his third triple of the quarter to pull Grayling within two, 16-14. Petoskey scored a three-pointer and a tip-in to take a 21-14 lead.

A triple by Burkett and a lay-up by Nick D'Amour following a steal brought Grayling within two (21-19) just before the first quarter clock expired.

A free throw by Dave Golnick opened the second quarter scoring, pulling GHS within one. The Northmen scored their fourth triple of the game and a free throw to take a 25-20 lead.

The Vikings scored six unanswered points on a jumper by Gorski, a tip-in by Marellich on an

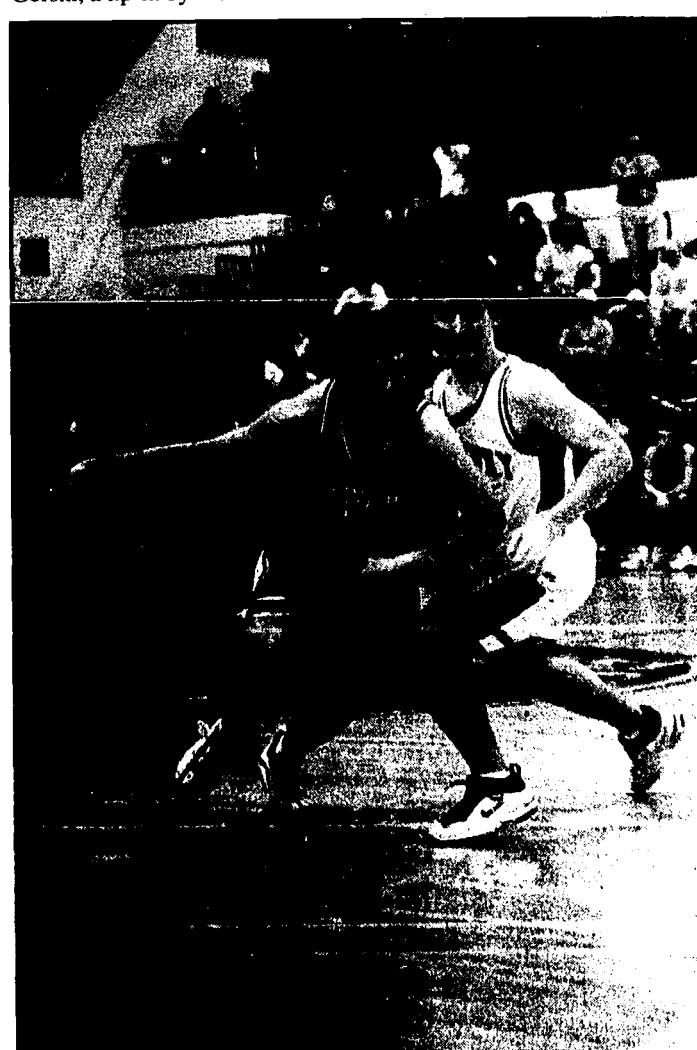


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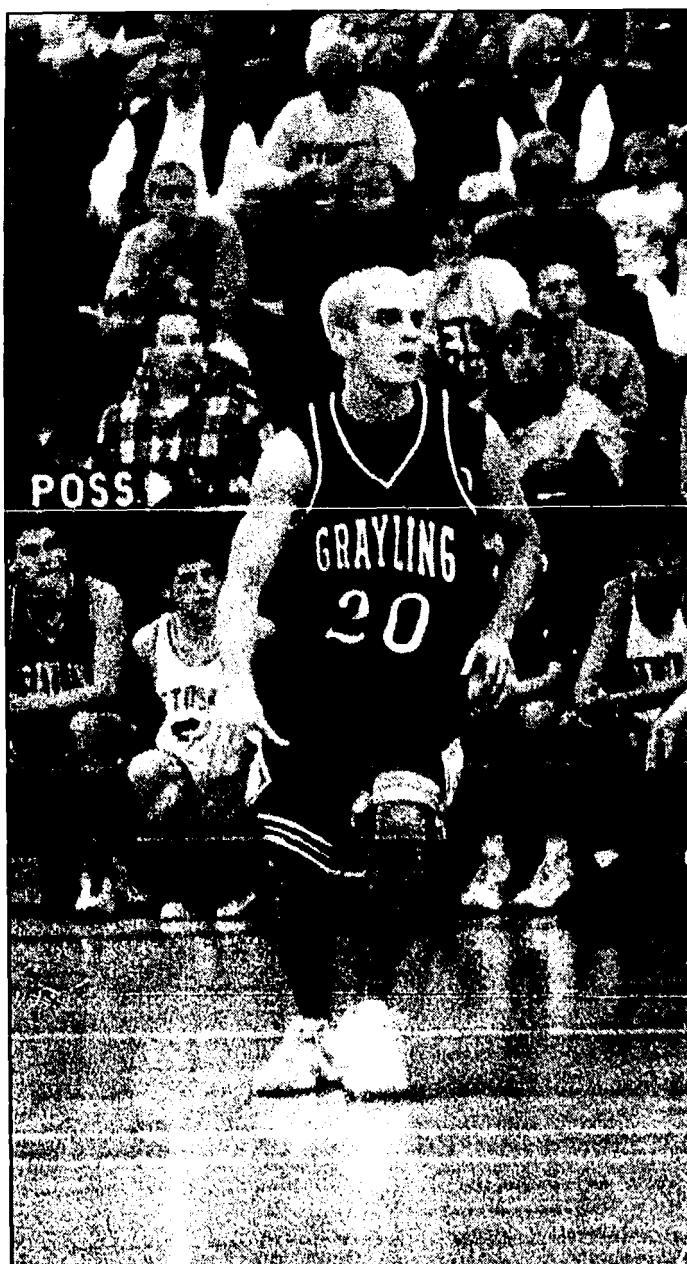
Marcus Marellich puts up a shot inside against the Petoskey Northmen in last Friday's District championship game at Roscommon High School.

in-bounds pass by Gorski, and two free throws by Gorski, giving Grayling a 26-25 lead. Petoskey took a one-point lead with two free throws.

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Marcus Bobenmoyer drives for Grayling against Petoskey. Bobenmoyer scored 20 points in the match, including five first half three-pointers.



Ryan Mahaffy controls the ball for the Vikings in the District final game last Friday.

Grayling goes through Sault to reach finals

► 9-0 run in the fourth quarter helps Grayling get past the Blue Devils

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity boys basketball team advanced to the District championship game with a win over the Blue Devils of Sault Ste. Marie in the semi-finals last Wednesday in Roscommon. Both teams started slow, but Grayling stepped up in the fourth quarter to take the 63-54 win.

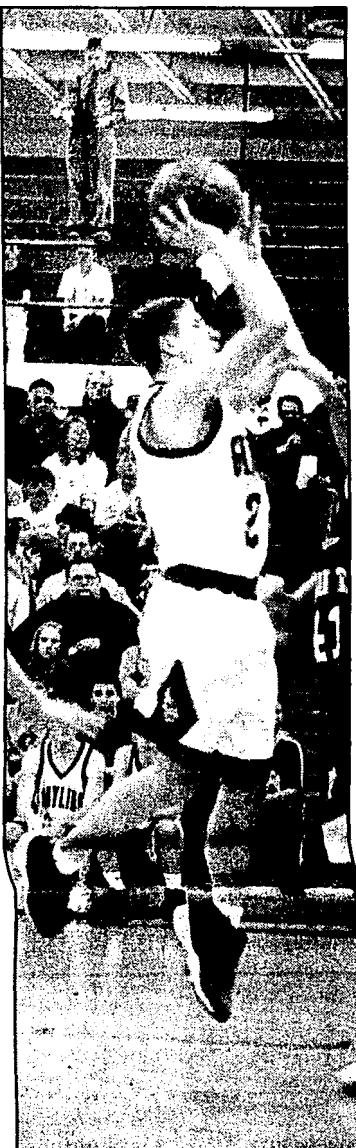
Sault scored the first point of the game on a free throw. Two jump shots by Levi Burkett put GHS up 4-1. A put-back by Burkett put Grayling up 6-3. SSM scored two free throws and a shot inside to take a 7-6 lead. Grayling took a one-point lead on a put-back by Dan Mead.

The Blue Devils hit a triple, a lay-up, and a shot inside to go up by six, 14-8. A free throw by Dave Golnick and a jumper by R.J. Schmidt pulled Grayling within three before the expiration of the first period. SSM led 14-11 after one quarter of play.

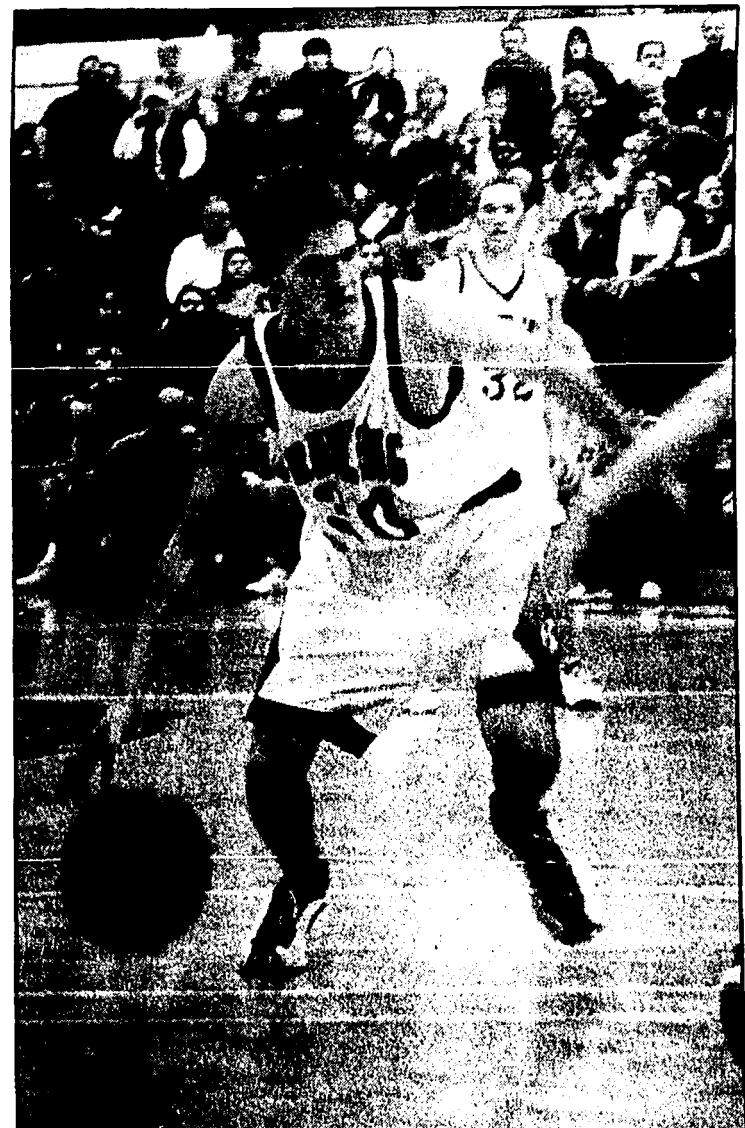
Grayling scored first in the second period on a jump shot by Burkett. A shot inside by Marcus Marellich tied the game at 15-15 with 5:35 left in the half. Sault scored two free throws, then Burkett converted a shot inside on a nice pass by Ryan Mahaffy, who saved the ball from landing out of bounds on a broken fast break opportunity.

SSM scored six unanswered points on a free throw, a shot inside, and a triple to take a 23-17 lead.

A free throw by Golnick and a fast break lay-up by Brad Gorski
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R.J. Schmidt pulls up for a jumper against Sault Ste. Marie in the District semi-finals. Schmidt was the scoring leader for Grayling in the game with 14 points.



Levi Burkett handles the ball for Grayling in the game against Sault Ste. Marie last Wednesday.

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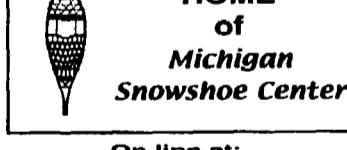
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Grayling goes through Sault to reach finals

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pulled GHS within three. A free throw by Gorski and a put-back by Mead, the last buckets of the half, brought Grayling within one at the halftime buzzer, 24-23.

Sault scored the first points of the second half with a triple. At the other end, Gorski converted a three-point play to bring Grayling back within one.

With 5:53 left in the third quarter, Mead was fouled on a shot inside. The basket was good, and Mead converted the free throw for a three-point play, giving Grayling a 29-28 edge.

Sault scored, Schmidt answered with a jumper for Grayling, then Sault hit two free throws. A free throw by Golnick tied the game at 32-32 with 3:58 remaining in the quarter.

SSM scored a basket inside, and Marcus Bobenmoyer hit a jumper to tie the game. Two free throws by Sault (on four attempts) put the Blue Devils up by two.

Grayling took a one-point lead on a triple by Gorski at the 1:50 mark. A three-pointer by SSM put the Devils back up by two. Two free throws extended Sault Ste. Marie's lead to four.

With five seconds left in the period, Mead hit two free throws on a one and one chance to bring Grayling within two. After three quarters of play, the Blue Devils led 41-39.

The Vikings got a big boost in the first minute of the fourth quarter in the form of two triples by Schmidt. Sault tied the game with two free throws on a one and one chance.

With the game tied and less than six minutes left in regulation, Grayling went on a 9-0 run spanning four minutes. Bobenmoyer opened the run with a shot inside. A free throw by Gorski and a jumper by Burkett put GHS up by five. Burkett hit two free throws at the 3:55 mark, and a shot inside by Mead made it nine unanswered points.

With Grayling leading 54-45, Sault Ste. Marie got right back in the game with three shots inside, cutting Grayling's lead to three, 54-51, with 1:22 left to play.

Sault had to start fouling to stop the clock. Mead hit two free throws to put Grayling up by five, 56-51.

On Sault Ste. Marie's next possession, Gorski knocked the ball free and Schmidt grabbed the loose ball. He was immediately fouled by SSM. Schmidt hit both free throws to put Grayling up 58-51 with 1:05 left in the game.

At the other end, Schmidt grabbed the rebound on a Sault miss, and was fouled again. He hit one of two free throws to put Grayling up by eight with 49 seconds remaining.

The Blue Devils also failed to convert a basket on their next trip down the floor. The ball went out of bounds, last touched by Sault Ste. Marie. Grayling got the ball in to Mead, who was quickly fouled by SSM. The free throws didn't fall.

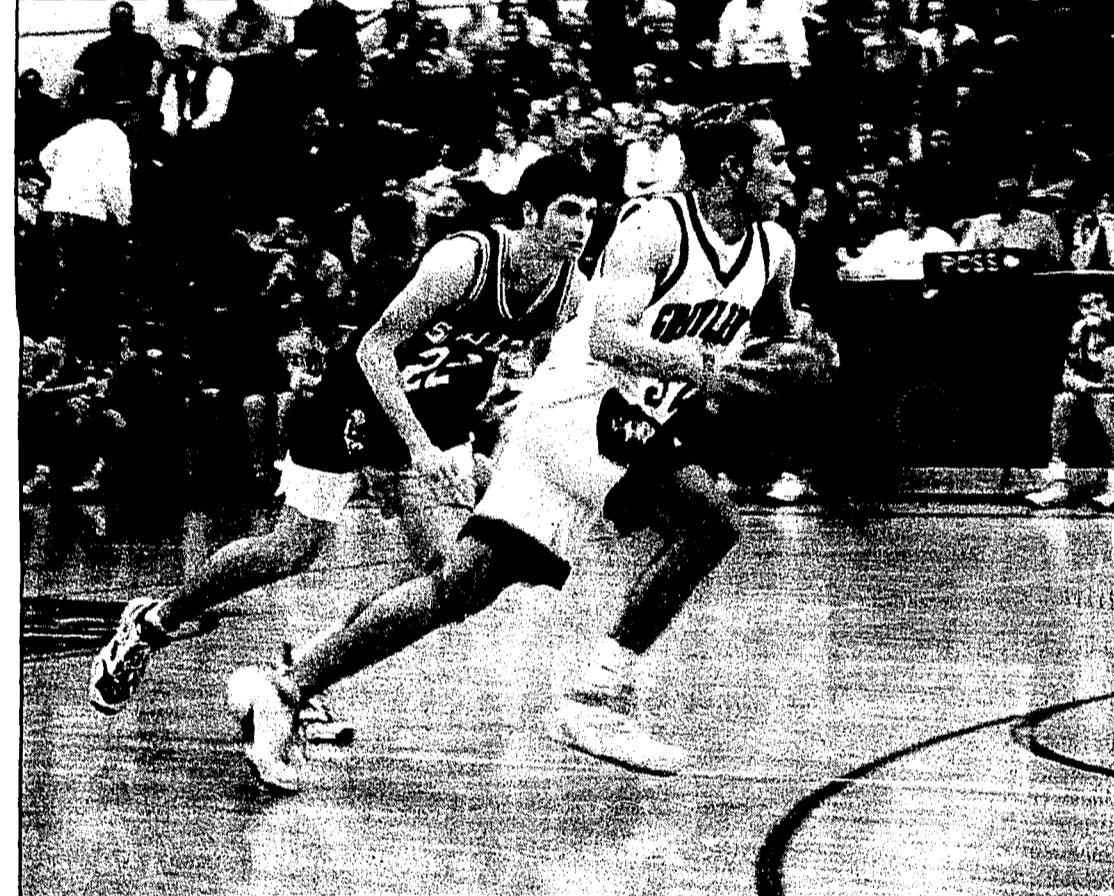
The Vikings were called for a foul at the other end, and Sault converted one free throw to pull within seven.

A free throw by Schmidt put



Photos by Caleb Casey

After chasing down a loose ball to the corner, R.J. Schmidt looks to pass.



Brad Gorski drives to the basket on a fast break.

Grayling back up by eight, 60-52, with 28 seconds left in the game. Two free throws by SSM pulled the Devils within six.

Sault put Gorski at the line with 0:22 left in the game. He hit one of two free throws to put the Vikings back up by seven.

The Vikings forced a tie-up on Sault's next possession. The arrow favored Grayling. The Blue Devils fouled Gorski, who hit both free throws, extending Grayling's advantage to nine with 12 seconds showing on the clock.

Gorski blocked a Sault three-point attempt, and the Vikings grabbed the loose ball as the last seconds ticked off the clock. The Vikings won by a final score of 63-54.

"We really played well defensively," said Coach Rich Moffit, "especially with our work on the boards. Dan Mead played the game of his

life. R.J. Schmidt had two key consecutive three-pointers in the fourth quarter that were crucial shots."

"Our kids played well down the stretch with some key defensive stops and we hit some key free throws," said Coach Moffit.

Districts - Grayling vs. Sault Ste. Marie 3/7

Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	ft.	asst.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blk.	pts.
Gorski	2/13	1/2	5/7	12	4	12	5	2	1	12
Burkett	5/14	0/2	2/2	2	6	4	4	3	12	12
Marclich	1/4	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	2
Bobenmoyer	3/9	0/1	1/1	-	-	6	-	1	2	7
Lange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	0/6	-	3/7	-	-	2	2	-	-	3
Mead	4/6	-	5/7	1	7	2	2	-	1	13
Mahaffy	0/1	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-
Graube	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schmidt	2/3	2/3	4/6	2	5	5	1	2	-	14
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bynum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D'Amour	0/3	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Latusek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	17/59	3/8	20/30	18	36	32	12	12	3	63

K.L. 2 pt. = two point shot/attempts
rebs. = rebounds
tips = tips
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District final game goes down to the wire

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A three-pointer by Bobenmoyer, his fourth of the contest, and a tip-in by Bobenmoyer put the Vikings up by four, 31-27.

Petoskey scored a lay-up, R.J. Schmidt answered with a jumper, and the Northmen scored four points to leave the game tied at 33-33 with 2:19 left in the first half.

Two free throws each by Marelich and D'Amour put the Vikings up by four, 37-33. Petoskey scored three of four free throws to pull within one.

Bobenmoyer's fifth three-pointer of the game extended Grayling's lead to four. After a free throw by Petoskey, Grayling led 40-37 at halftime.

The Northmen opened the second half with two buckets inside, taking a 41-40 lead. Two free throws by Marelich put the Vikings up by one. Petoskey re-took the lead with a triple.

A jumper by Bobenmoyer and a shot inside by Marelich on a nice pass from Gorski put Grayling up 46-44. Two buckets inside by Petoskey gave the Northmen a two-point edge.

A shot inside by Gorski tied the game at 48-48, then Petoskey went up by three on a three-point play.

A three-pointer by Schmidt, a lay-up by Gorski, and a shot inside by Marelich gave the Vikings a 56-53 lead with 2:07 left in the third quarter.

Petoskey held Grayling scoreless in the last two minutes of the period, and took a 60-56 lead into the fourth quarter after hitting two shots inside and another three-pointer.

Petoskey scored first in the fourth quarter with a shot inside. A three-point play gave the Northmen a nine-point lead (65-56) with 6:53 left in regulation.

A shot inside by Golnick and two free throws by Gorski brought GHS within five, 65-60. A triple by Petoskey at the 4:41 mark gave the Northmen an eight-point advantage.

A three-point shot by Burkett



Photo by Caleb Casey

The Vikings gather just before the start of the District championship game last Friday at Roscommon High School. Grayling faced Petoskey for the District title.

pulled Grayling back within five. Bobenmoyer stole Petoskey's in-bounds pass and Gorski finished the play with a shot inside on an assist by Burkett. The Vikings got another steal, and Gorski drove for a lay-up. Grayling trailed by one with 3:10 left to play.

Petoskey scored one free throw on a one and one chance to go up by two. Two free throws by Marelich tied the game at 69-69 with 2:57 remaining in the fourth quarter.

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Districts - Grayling vs. Petoskey 3/9										
Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	f.t.	asst.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blk.	pts.
Gorski	6/9	0/3	5/8	9	3	11	2	3	-	17
Burkett	1/9	2/3	-	3	4	4	4	2	-	8
Marelich	4/5	-	7/10	-	6	6	-	-	-	15
Bobenmoyer	2/6	5/7	1/2	-	4	-	4	1	2	20
Lange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	1/1	-	1/3	-	3	3	1	-	-	3
Mead	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	-
Mahaffy	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Graube	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schmidt	1/5	1/7	0/3	4	1	4	3	4	-	5
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bayham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
D'Amour	1/1	0/2	2/2	3	1	2	1	-	-	4
Latusek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	16/36	8/22	16/28	20	24	32	15	12	2	72

KEY: 2 pt.=two-point shots/attempt
3 pt.=three-point shots/attempt
rebs.=rebounds tips=tips
stls.=steals t.o.=turnovers
blk.=blocks pts.=points (total)

GHS skier selected to all-state ski team

► Grayling's Matt Ginther honored with All-State Second Team berth



Matt Ginther
All-State "2nd Team"

Grayling High School skier Matt Ginther was selected to the Michigan High School Ski Coaches Association's All-State Ski Team at a meeting of Regional Ski Representatives held at Clare on March 8.

Season results from league meets, Regionals, and the State Finals are all considered for placement on All-State Teams.

Ginther was named to the State's "Second Team" on the strength of all three parts of the season. Ginther placed first in 21 races this year (seven in slalom and 14 in giant slalom). Eight wins were against Class A competition. Ginther's

Regional and State finishes were good enough to earn him All-Regional Team and All-State Second Team honors.

The GHS ski team will present awards to its skiers on Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at Hanson Hills.

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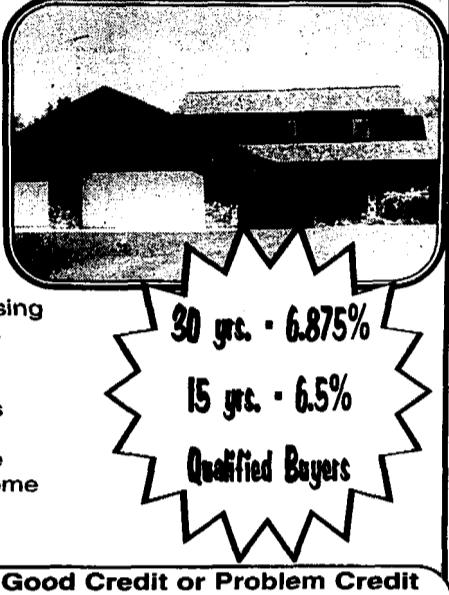
there's a problem that should be treated before it becomes worse?

The best answer is periodic chiropractic examinations. These are recommended before the season begins, so he can start in top form. They're also recommended whenever an injury occurs as well as at the end of the season. Any structural defects should get the correction and treatment needed to keep your child in good health.

In the interest of better health from the office of:

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District final game goes down to the wire

Continued from Page 3B

Bobenmoyer swiped another Petoskey in-bounds pass, and the Vikings capitalized on the turnover with a jumper by Burkett. The Vikings led 71-69 with 2:25 left in the game.

Petoskey scored a triple at the 1:42 mark to take a two-point lead. The Vikings failed to answer, and had to foul Petoskey. The Northmen converted two free throws on the resulting one and one opportunity to take a three-point lead with 1:15 left on the clock.

Grayling couldn't convert on its next possession either, but got the ball back after Marellich drew an offensive charge on Petoskey.

On the possession, Marellich was fouled on a put-back attempt. He hit one of two free throws to pull GHS within two, 74-72, with 37 seconds left in the game.

Petoskey got the ball in and Grayling was forced to foul. With 14 seconds left, the Northmen hit both shots from the free throw line to take a four-point lead, making it a two-possession game for Grayling.

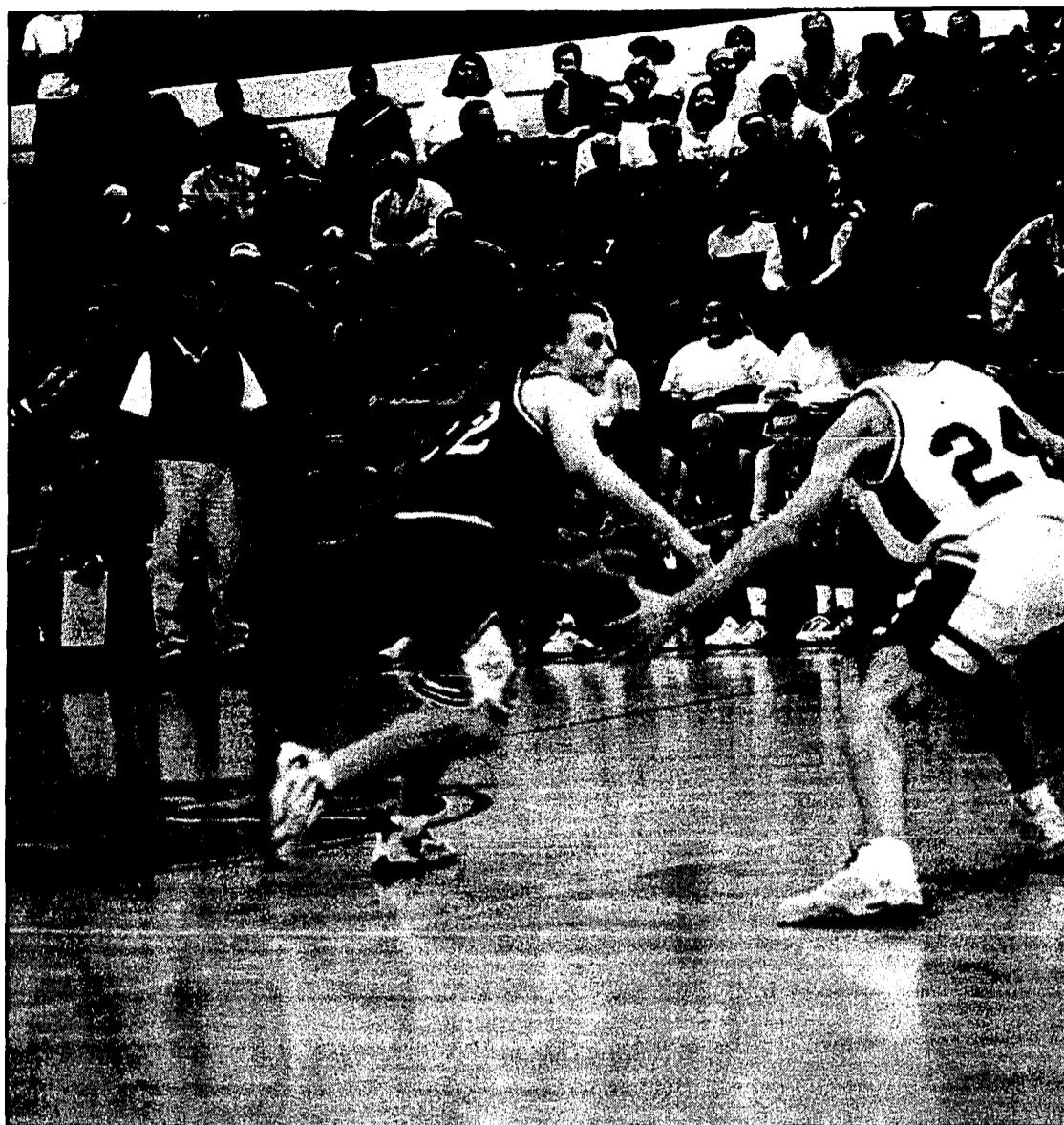
Grayling's three-point try missed, and that was it. The Northmen came out on top 76-72 to win the District championship.

"This was a game of 'runs,'" said Coach Rich Moffit. "Our kids played with a lot of heart and hustle in this game. We showed a lot of character by battling throughout this game. I was also pleased with the composure of this group during crunch time."

The high scorer for Grayling was Bobenmoyer with 20 points. Gorski finished with 17, and Marellich added 15.

The Vikings finished the regular season with a 13-7 overall record. The Vikings were 8-2 at home this season and 5-5 on the road. The team posted a 9-5 conference record this year, and Grayling finished at 1-1 in the post-season.

"This team has improved a ton

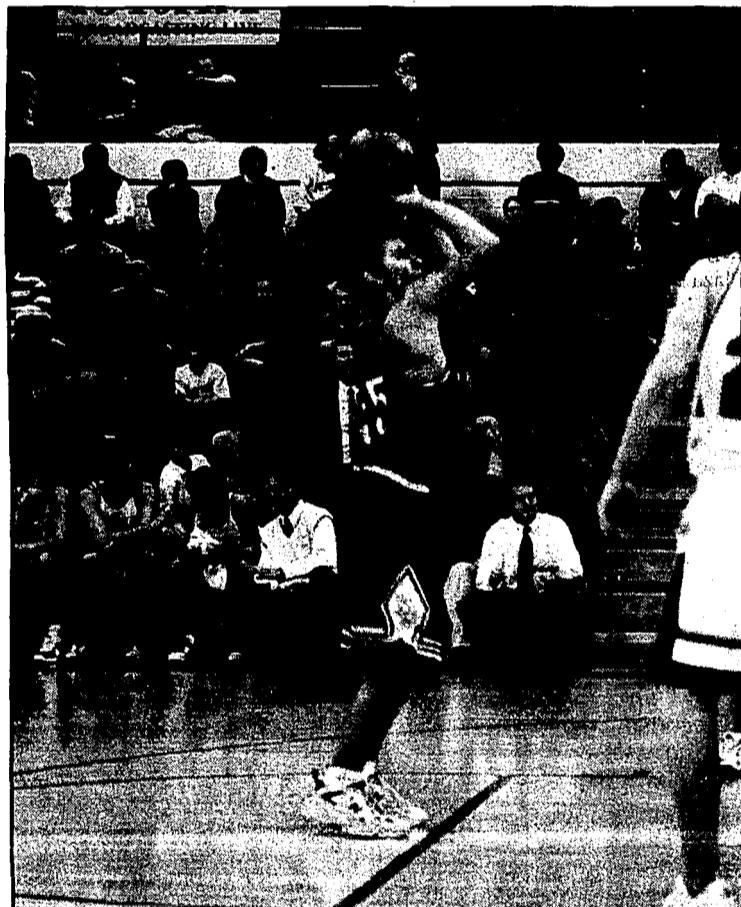


Photos by Caleb Casey

Nick D'Amour moves the ball around the perimeter in last Friday's District final game against the Petoskey Northmen.

since day one," said Coach Moffit. "They have a strong work ethic and work well together. Our seniors, Brad Gorski, Levi Burkett, Marcus Marellich, Marcus Bobenmoyer, Dave Golnick, Dan Mead, Ryan Mahaffy, and Art Graube, have been a class act on and off the court."

"The community of Grayling has given this team a lot of positive support and encouragement throughout this season," Moffit added.



Marcus Marellich shoots a free throw in the game against Petoskey.



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LEGAL ACTION

CRAWFORD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

Please be advised the Crawford County Board of Commissioners has scheduled a special meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at 7:00 PM at the AuSable Primary School Cafeteria to discuss the disposal of construction demolition from Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant and any other business that may legally come before the board.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register
March 05, 2001

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 26, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #01-1: David Malm, petitioner.
T26N, R3W, Sec. 9
1402 Clearwater Trail
041-009-05-020-03
NRD Zone.

A request to allow a 28' x 16' addition to an existing residence which is 131' from the river. Closest point of new construction 162' from the river, a variance of 36' (includes 2' rise in bank).

Case #01-2: Nextel Communications, petitioner. Fred Fedak, owner.
T26N, R4W, Sec. 7
M-93
042-013-05-060-00
C-1 Zone.

A request to construct a 164' tall wireless communications facility, a variance of 14'.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517)348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton
Township Clerk

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF
CRAWFORD AUSSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN
TO BE HELD MARCH 20, 2001

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that a special bond election of Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district, on Tuesday, March 20, 2001.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following propositions will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

BONDING PROPOSAL I HIGH SCHOOL
ADDITIONS AND REMODELING

Shall Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Fourteen Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$14,050,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to, and remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, equipping and re-equipping the existing high school; acquiring, installing and equipping technology in the high school; and developing and improving the site?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 20 years, exclusive of refunding. Of the total debt millage levied in the school district, it is estimated that 2.86 mills (\$2.86 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) will be attributed to the new bonds for an estimated net increase of 1.23 mills (\$1.23 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) in the first year. The estimated simple average debt millage rate for the life of the bond issue is 2.68 mills (\$2.68 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

BONDING PROPOSAL II GYMNASIUM
ADDITION AND REMODELING

Shall Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping an addition to, and partially remodeling, re-furnishing and re-equipping the high school gymnasium; and developing and improving the site?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 20 years, exclusive of refunding. Of the total debt millage levied in the school district, it is estimated that .43 mill (\$0.43 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) will be attributed to the new bonds for a -0- net increase of debt millage in the first year. The estimated simple average debt millage rate for the life of this bond issue is .49 mill (\$0.49 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Grayling Middle School Building, in the City of Grayling, Michigan. The first precinct consists of all the territory of Grayling Township, City of Grayling, a portion of Beaver Creek Township, and a portion of Bear Lake Township (Kalkaska County).

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: The Frederic Elementary School. The second precinct consists of the territory of Frederic Township, Maple Forest Township, and a portion of Otsego Lake Township (Otsego County).

PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: The Lovells Township Hall. The third precinct consists of the territory of Lovells Township.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Crawford AuSable School District, Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska Counties, Michigan.

Carol E. RamaSwamy
Secretary, Board of Education

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE
SALE

**THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.
ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL
BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven Nichols and Jaye Nichols, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Consolidated Mortgage and Financial Services Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 1997, and recorded on November 13, 1997 in Liber 441, on Page 441, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignment to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1997-5, Agreement dated 12-1-97. Assignee by an assignment dated January 9, 2001, which was recorded on January 17, 2001, in Liber 527, on Page 094, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY AND 33/100 dollars (\$33,450.33)**, including interest at 12.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the **front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 28, 2001**.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Beginning at a point which is 495 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 7 West; thence East 377.2 feet to the right of way of M-72 as now surveyed; thence Northwesterly along said right of way 487.4 feet to the intersection of the County Road right of way; thence Southwesterly along said County Road right of way 492.5 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel 2: The North 166 feet on Chase Bridge Road of the following: Commencing at a point 165 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of

Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, to point of beginning; thence 43.6 feet to right of way of County Road; thence Northeasterly along County Road 332 feet, thence East 188.6 feet; thence Southeasterly to a point 400 feet East of point of beginning; thence 400 feet to point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West and a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West said parcel is more fully described as Parcel C in the certificate of survey recorded with the Register of Deeds at Book 151, Page 492.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200027192

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE
SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PAUL W. MCNAMAR AND KIM A. MCNAMAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to EMERGENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA HOMEGOOD, A SOUTH CAROLINA CORPORATION Mortgagee, dated September 24, 1997, and recorded on October 3, 1997 in Liber 439, Page 94, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF EMERGENT HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATE, SERIES 1997-03 by an assignment recorded on November 13, 1997, in Liber 441, on page 454 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty four thousand two hundred five and 00/100 Dollars (\$64,205.00), including interest at 12.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the **front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM on April 4, 2001**.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on the North line thereof 424.5 feet for the point of beginning, thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on said line, 232.3 feet; thence 80 degrees 35 minutes West 168 feet to center or roadway; thence North 82 degrees 47 minutes West along same, 234 feet; thence North 0 degrees 35 minutes East, 137.2 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 1, 2001
ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.,
401 South Old Woodward Avenue, B-10
Suite 300, Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information please call:
(248) 540-7701
FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED
Assignee of Mortgagee

-1-8-15-22-29

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE
SALE

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ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.
ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL
BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan A. Boardman and Robert F. Boardman, a married man (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Grayling State Bank Mortgage, dated November 10, 1995, and recorded on November 15, 1995 in Liber 403, on Page 201, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **FIFTY THOUSAND SEVENTY-FOUR AND 31/100 dollars (\$50,074.31)**, including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the **front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2001**.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Beginning at a point which is 495 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 7 West; thence East 377.2 feet to the right of way of M-72 as now surveyed; thence Northwesterly along said right of way 487.4 feet to the intersection of the County Road right of way; thence Southwesterly along said County Road right of way 492.5 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel 2: The North 166 feet on Chase Bridge Road of the following: Commencing at a point 165 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of

NOTICE
CITY OF GRAYLING
RESIDENTS

RECYCLABLES PICKED UP ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH NEED TO BE SEPARATED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1: GLASS & TIN (**NO GREEN GLASS**)
- 2: PLASTIC
- 3: PAPER & CARDBOARD

**RECYCLABLES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP
IF NOT SEPARATED**

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W. M-72), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

CASE No: 2001-1C
Terry & Kelly VanDeCar, owners
Geraldine Hood, petitioner/purchaser
Property Code: 20-040-012-09-020-00
Address: 1519 Meander
Grayling, MI 49738
Location: Section 12, T26N, R4W
Zone: Natural River District (NRD)

A request to allow an in-home Bed & Breakfast Establishment as a Conditional Use. Per Section 27.4 E-1 of Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 92-2.

Zoning ordinance, maps and case file are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall during regular business hours. Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON DNR GRANT APPLICATION
AND REVIEW OF OUR
AMENDED RECREATION PLAN

The Beaver Creek Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 28, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738, 517-275-8878.

Please take Notice that the purpose of the meeting is to provide opportunity for public input on a DNR Grant Application for recreation expansion and review of our Amended Recreation Plan.

Please take further notice that the Amended Recreation Plan and DNR Grant Application may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this Notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 12th day of February 2001

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Palmer at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Hayes, Palmer, Wyman, Brown.

Members Absent: Banda*

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Jim Carmean, Terry Wright, Calib Casey, Dennis Long, Dennis Palmer, Jim Minthorn. 01-13

Moved by Brown, supported by Hayes that the minutes of the meeting of January 29, 2001 be approved as presented. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

Public Hearing: None.

Communications were received and noted. a. Grayling Police Report for January 2001.

b. Letter from Carl Lehto regarding Wastewater Lagoons.

c. Letter from the DEQ approving the "City of Grayling Report Addressing Lagoon Odors". To renew the discharge permit for the facility in two years, the City must address the odor problem.

Old Business.

a. Terry Wright regarding Grayling Township's proposed Township Park. Mr. Wright gave Council an update on this project. The Township is requesting an easement or long term lease from the City to the Township for use of city property for a foot bridge if possible. Council will decide when Mr. Wright brings a legal description of the property needed.

b. Revised Zoning Ordinance. Discussion was held on the revised zoning ordinance with input from Council and the audience.

*Banda was now present.

01-14
Moved by Hayes, supported by Wyman to have the Steering Committee meet and take another look at the licensing of travel trailers in the Zoning Ordinance (Section 3.12, A-1). Council feels that this should be changed. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. Appointment of Grayling Housing Commission Board Member. Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wyman interviewed two residents of AuSagre Acres and recommended Ms. Patricia Sartin for the position.

01-15
Moved by Banda, supported by Brown to appoint Patricia Sartin to the Grayling Housing Commission Board effective immediately, this is a 5 year term and expires 01-01-06. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

d. Library Request.

01-16
Moved by Banda, supported by Brown to waive all fees for water and sewer taps for the new Crawford County Library provided their contractor installs these taps with the city inspecting final tap. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

e. Planning Session Update. Ms. Palmer has contacted Mr. Phil Alexander regarding a visioning session. He will be at City Hall on Wednesday to make plans with the City Manager and Mayor. We will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 as a planning session. Council agreed that this would be a good time to discuss the future plans for the City. This meeting will be a planning session only and the public is welcome to attend.

New Business.
a. Resolution consenting to Inclusion of Municipality in Crawford County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

01-17
Moved by Wyman, supported by Hayes to adopt the resolution consenting to inclusion of municipality in Crawford County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as presented (see attached). Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. North Down River Road Update. The City Manager spoke to Council about the Crawford County Road Commission project coming up on North Down River Road. The City of Grayling could participate by having curb & gutter, sidewalk, catch basin and storm sewer done on the south side of North Down River Road from Old 27 to Michigan Avenue during the North Down River Road Project. This will cost the city \$86,700.00 and would be done by the Road Commission. 01-18

Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman to contract with the Crawford County Road Commission for the North Down River Road Project for curb & gutter, sidewalk, catch basin and storm sewer on the south side of North Down River Road at a cost not to exceed \$86,700. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Mr. Wright spoke to Council regarding the North Down River Road Project. He was happy to hear that the project may proceed.

b. Jim Carmean would like an updated version of the Snowmobile Ordinance as he has snowmobiles driving on his property.

Discussion with Council, the Police Chief and the audience took place. The Chief of Police will check into this problem for Mr. Carmean.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Have met with Northern Appraisal and

the appraisal of old city hall should be done in two to three weeks.

b. Transportation Study for full interchange. This is a chamber project, will bring an update to Council at a later date. The Manager has contacted Congressman Camp's office to see if there are federal funds available for the project.

c. The Chamber is looking for property in the city for a new plant to come to our area. This would employ 20 new jobs with additional jobs available later. Will keep Council posted.

Reports of Council Members. None. Adjournment 01-19

Moved by Brown, supported by Wyman that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Kay Ellen King
City Clerk.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RICK V. CORBIN AND DEBORAH K. CORBIN, F/K/A DEBORAH K. LOVE, HUSBAND AND WIFE to CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagor, dated October 8, 1998, and recorded on October 21, 1998 in Liber 466, Page 43 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgages to MANUFACTURERS & TRADER TRUST COMPANY, ONE M & T PLAZA., 1998-4, AGREEMENT DATED 12/1/98, by an assignment dated February 15, 2001, and recorded on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, on page 552 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty two thousand three hundred thirty six and 75/100 Dollars (\$42,336.75), including interest at 11.450% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on April 18, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

MLOTS 229 AND 230, NORTHERN HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 02 OF PLATS, PAGE 27, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 15, 2001

ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgage

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48090-6616

For Information please call:

(248) 540-7701

MANUFACTURERS & TRADER

TRUST COMPANY, ONE M & T PLAZA

Assignee of Mortgage

-15-22-29-5-12

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO: 005268-CH

Wava Carberry,
Plaintiff.

-vs-

Estate of Gerald Carberry and Edith Carberry and The Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martinez and Thelma Martinez, husband and wife and The Estate of Thelma Martinez, Defendants.

Monte J. Burmeister P48732
The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC

306 State St., P.O. Box 585

Grayling, MI 49738

PH: 517-348-7114

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 21 day of February, 2001.

PRESENT: HONORABLE DENNIS F. MURPHY, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

BASED UPON the filing and reading of Plaintiffs' Motion for Substituted Service of the Complaint as to the Defendants, The Estate of Gerald Carberry and Edith Carberry and the Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martinez and Thelma Martinez, husband and wife and the Estate of Thelma and Manuel R. Martinez, and this Court being fully advised in the premises;

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The University Center at Gaylord/M-TEC Educational Center is accepting proposals for telecommunications equipment in the University Center at Gaylord/M-TEC Education Center building being constructed at 60 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, MI 49735.

Proposals will be received in the business office of Kirtland Community College until 3:30 p.m. on March 23, 2001, at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Bid documents are available from the business office (511) 275-5000, Ext. 230, or the Director of Institutional Services (511) 275-5000, Ext. 299.

NOW THEREFORE,
IT IS ORDERED THAT this order be published in a newspaper in Crawford County once each week for three consecutive weeks directing the Defendants as follows:

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ESTATE OF GERALD CARBERRY and EDITH CARBERRY and THE ESTATE OF EDITH CARBERRY, MANUEL R. MARTINES and THELMA MARTINES, husband and wife and THE ESTATE OF THELMA MARTINES and MANUEL MARTINES:

1. You are being sued within the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan;

2. The names of the parties are: Plaintiffs, Wava Carberry, and Defendants, The Estate of Gerald Carberry and Edith Carberry and the Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martinez and Thelma Martinez, husband and wife and the Estate of Thelma and Manuel R. Martinez;

3. These proceedings are a quiet title action seeking to quiet title to a certain real property, being located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, State of Michigan and which is legally recorded in the Crawford County Register of Deeds as Liber 66 page 459, in favor of Plaintiff.

4. That an answer needs to be filed/taken within 28 days at the Crawford County Circuit Court, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, or other action taken by law or court rule must be taken.

5. That a failure to answer or to take other action will result in a default being filed against the Defendants, The Estate of Gerald Carberry and Edith Carberry and the Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martinez and Thelma Martinez, husband and wife and the Estate of Thelma and Manuel R. Martinez, and the Heirs and Descendants of Gerald Carberry, Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martinez and Thelma Martinez.

6. Names of some of the Defendants are unknown in the sense that the action is against the Estate of Gerald Carberry and the Estate of Edith Carberry, Manuel R. Martinez and Thelma Martinez, husband and wife and the Estate of Thelma and Manuel R. Martinez, and there are heirs, devisees, or assignees of the Estate unknown to the Plaintiff.

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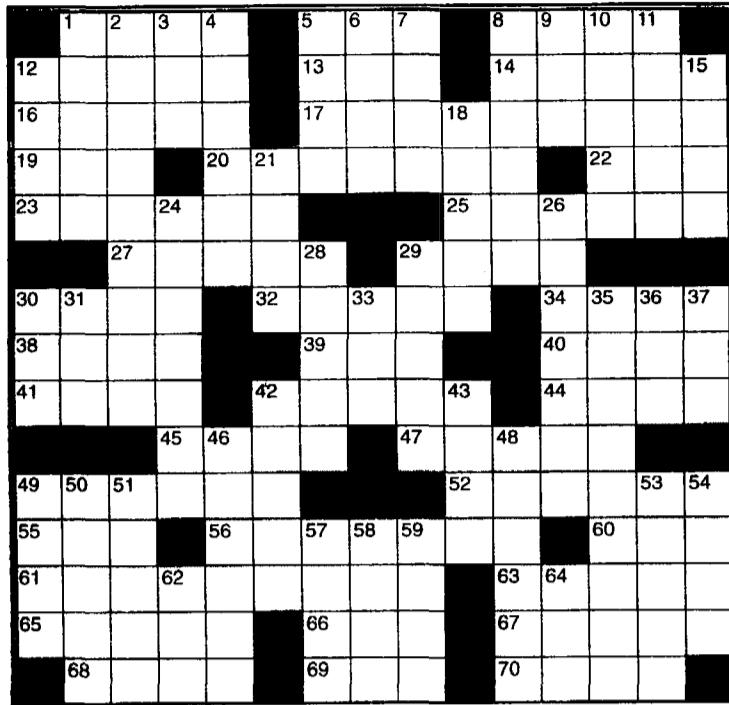
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FEATURES

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Distort
5. Fled
8. Hudson River School landscapist
12. High boot
13. Participant in "The Thrilla in Manila"
14. Parts of loaves
16. Like a surprised person's mouth
17. Popular chaser (2 wds.)
19. RMN's party
20. Prodigal ones
22. "I'll ___ You in My Dreams"
23. Catch in a snare
25. Listen
27. Artery
29. ___ and chips
30. Pokes
32. Row
34. ___ fact
38. Perry's creator
39. Actress Charlotte
40. Equestrian's enforcer
41. Daily fare
42. Tailor
44. Illustrator Atwater
45. Emulates Bill Robinson
47. Clan emblem
49. Hinder
52. Flower segments

55. Name qualifer
56. Terms of Endearment musts
60. Business apparel
61. Meeting
63. Faith
65. Word on a door
66. Papal name
67. Landing spot for E.T.
68. Word sung while drinking
69. Election add-on
70. Easter purchases

DOWN

1. On the ___ (sober)
2. Flexible
3. Pol. party
4. Before hostilities
5. Clothing for Alger's Dick
6. Hit the runway
7. Hydra's head count
8. Bureaus
9. Above, to a bard
10. Hertz or Avis contract
11. Barkin of films
12. Conduct, as war
15. Future vegetable
18. Holy cup
21. High-rise dwellings (abbr.)

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

HOROSCOPES

For the week of
March 19 thru March 25

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

You will see the opportunities you have before you to make real progress in your career. You can expect to see a surge in your leadership abilities. Handling financial and organizational tasks will be far easier than usual. If working doesn't give you enough of an outlet for your energy, consider something active like a sport to prevent restlessness.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

The expectations you place on others set the stage for more than you may realize. They can determine the amount of satisfaction you experience from the performance of others at work, as well as setting the tone in your personal relationships. The key for you to feel content and to get along better with others is to keep your expectations under control. A good starting point is by seeing others, their strengths and challenges, as they really are - not how you think they should be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

The last couple of weeks have brought a lot of focus to your emotional well-being. Now it's time to see some progress in your mental expansion and creativity. Not only will you see an increase in your financial skills and leadership abilities, your imagination will soar. Even your sense of color will be enhanced, making it a great day to indulge in some form or artwork or decorating.

CANCER (June 22-July 22):

Emotional relief will come this week for you. Given how much focus the influences have brought to our feelings in the last couple of weeks, this will no doubt come as good news. Working conditions are excellent, as your financial acuity will be strong. Taking the initiative and acting in a leadership role will also be far easier than usual, giving you the opportunity to really show your stuff.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Your creativity and leadership skills will soar and you will be tempted to try and take the easy way out. There no free lunches. You have to work hard, persevere, and take the same steps to reach your goals as anyone else does. This is what makes reaching them so satisfying! Be sure that you think things through and plan ahead of time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Let your love of beauty and innate creativity come out this week. One of the greatest qualities you possess as a Virgo is your capacity for appreciation of nature, luxury, refined qualities in others, and beauty. If you can learn to hone this quality when it comes to how you see others, it can be a real gift. Try to find some middle ground in your attitude towards others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

Take care that you don't place too many expectations on yourself. By putting so much pressure on yourself to be perfect as you think you should be, you often set yourself up for failure. If you find that you frequently experience failure, can't reach goals you set for yourself, or are always running late, give this all some serious consideration. It may provide some direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

Learning to accept the pace and style of others is likely to present some changes for you this week in particular. You can expect to feel creative, innovative, and ready to do what needs to be done. Your leadership skills and no-nonsense approach can generate a lot of productivity. Yet, if you place too much on others, and expect them to perform your way, you're sure to be disappointed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

If you've spent a great deal of time focused on responsibilities and emotions in the last little while, your creativity may be blocked. This is the week to turn the around and get back on track. Try to get things rolling by writing in a journal. This may sound simplistic, but it can be a powerful way to unlock your deepest sources of creative hurdles. Give it a try!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Be sure to schedule in some time to do a little financial and career planning this week. You can expect to feel confident in a leadership role and innovative in your thinking. It also makes for a prime time to handle any problem solving that needs to happen. You will find that listing the pros and cons of any given situation down on a piece of paper can be an effective way to determine what the best course of action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

How to treat your body is a good indication of how you feel about yourself on the deepest of levels. Issues surrounding your weight can be more prominent than usual. Even though this aspect is associated with heightened creativity and stronger leadership skills, you can find it encourages you to recognize physical cues as well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

Channeling your emotions into your creative favorites will bring out the best you have to offer. Your talents and ingenuity will be strong. Even your sense of color will be stronger, making this a great day to take part in anything artistic. Whether you decide to do some decorating in your home, or you apply these skills to a work project, you are sure to see terrific results if you apply yourself.

For Entertainment Only

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago March 16, 1978

This winter's heavy snowfall and lack of feed has been extremely rough, especially on our deer herds. Ray Perez, D.N.R. Wildlife Habitat Biologist says this is the worst winter he has seen our whitetail have to endure in the six years he's lived in Grayling.

Specialist Fourth Class Marshall W. Atkinson was presented a certificate of recognition for being the outstanding "Soldier of the Quarter" (October 1977 through December 1977) in the 1438 Engineer Detachment, Camp Grayling.

St. Patrick's Day special on Friday, March 17 at "The Nickelodeon" in Downtown Grayling, Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream 20 cents for a cone or a dish. There is also a sale on LP's for \$3.89, Double LP's for \$7.98, Tapes and 8-Track & Cassettes for \$5.49.

DiPonio Ford celebrated their first anniversary recently with a drawing for prizes that over 300 people entered.

Gene Wilder is "The World's Greatest Lover" with Carol Kane and Dom DeLuise now showing at the Rialto Theatre. Adults are \$2.00 and kids are \$1.00. Coming Soon... "Saturday Night Fever."

46 Years Ago March 17, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barber of Grayling have a baby girl, born March 14.

The Douglas Knuths of Grayling are the parents of a baby girl, born March 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Millikin of Grayling, have a baby boy, born March 9.

Both the Grayling Public School and Grayling St. Mary's were closed last week from Wednesday morning through Monday morning of this week due to the "flu" on the loose that reached almost epidemic proportions.

The top Legionnaire in the country, National Commander Seaborn P. Collins, Jr., of Las Cruces, New Mexico, wields the knife to cut the Michigan Legion's birthday cake in observance of their 36th anniversary Thursday, March 17.

Interior Secretary Douglas McKay and Sen. Henry Jackson discuss statehood for Alaska and Hawaii. Opponents say Alaska's small population, great size and limited communications create special defense problems.

Airman Carl G. Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Hatfield Sr. of Grayling, was recently selected as one of the five top men undergoing basic training at the Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, New York. The five men were selected from a group of 2,000 to be designated as the "cream of the crop" in the Air Forces "Project Top Five".

"Re-Elect Beulah Neafie as your Crawford County Judge of Probate at the General Election on April 4, 1955; Your vote will be appreciated."

69 Years Ago March 17, 1932

The railroad telephone will connect this week with the City of



Bakery Moves

On the 27th of February 1978, the Goodales Bakery opened at their new location at 500 Norway. The Jim Gray family of Grayling were there to watch the first batch of goodies being made. Jim Gray then bought the first dollars worth of baked goods made at the new location.

Grayling phone so that the people can tell if the trains are on time. The phone will be in P.C. Hill's office.

LaVerne Cushman, principal of Grayling High School for the past five years, has accepted a position as superintendent of the public schools of Britton, Lenawee County, for the next school year.

While here Mr. Cushman, besides serving as principal of the high school, has been the athletic coach for the school and has turned out a number of winning teams, especially in basketball.

George Schiabile reports that 325 tons of ice were put up at Lake Margarethe this year for Michigan National Guard purposes.

92 Years Ago March 18, 1909

N. Mickelson shipped from his Lake View farm 45 head of cattle, 125 sheep and 1,000 bushels of wheat.

March left us last Friday, but got back Tuesday in good shape. A searching northwest wind, with

snow and a sharp freezing temperature.

H.A. Bauman is home from his Menominee lumber camp, to enjoy the storm here with his family and friends.

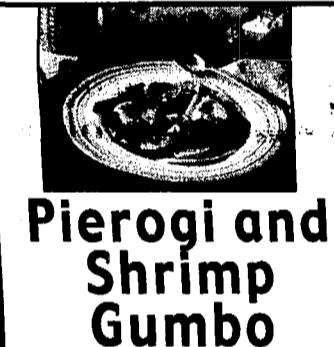
Ex-Probate Judge, W.C. Johnson was up from Cheney, Monday, looking as though he was coming thru the winter in good shape.

John Powell and family has moved to Farwell, in Clare County, where he has accepted a position with a grocery house. He was not physically strong enough to wrestle with saw logs of lumber and met the vicissitudes of temperature here.

Crows have made their appearance here and our merchants are getting out their show cards for flowers and garden seeds. They must think spring is approaching.

The City Telephone bells are ringing merrily all over town. Nearly a hundred are already in and more coming. Our citizens are wondering how we succeeded without them before.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



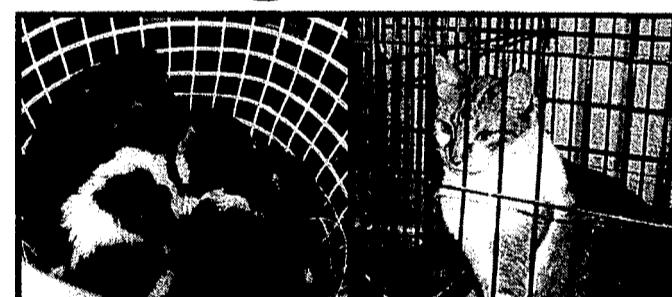
Pierogi and Shrimp Gumbo

2 tbsp olive oil
1 large onion, thinly sliced
2 medium-sized red bell peppers, cut in thin strips
1 tbsp minced garlic
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
1 can ready to serve low sodium chicken broth
1 package frozen cheddar cheese pierogies
1 lb large shrimp, shelled and deveined
1 bay leaf

In a Dutch oven or deep skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onion and pepper; cover and cook for 4 minutes. Uncover and cook until lightly browned, about 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add garlic and red pepper; cook and stir for 30 seconds. Add broth; bring to a boil. Add pierogies; cover and cook over medium-high heat for 3 minutes. Add shrimp and bay leaf; cover and cook, stirring once, just until shrimp are cooked, about 3 minutes longer. Remove bay leaf. Spoon shrimp and sauce into soup bowls. Sprinkle with chopped parsley, if desired.

Yield: 4 portions

Adopt a Pet



At the left are 6 week old mix puppies, and at the right is a very well mannered neutered male. He is also declawed, and looking for a nice home. There are still lots of puppies from 5-8 weeks old!

ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS

As of March 7, there were 17 cats, 23 dogs and 30 puppies (including Labrador Retriever, Husky, Chow and German Shepherd mixes) at the shelter. Please consider adopting one of these beautiful, playful, loving creatures so they can spend the rest of their lives in real homes with caring families. The shelter also has stray animals. A Chow was found at the library. Please call the shelter if your dog or cat is lost. You can leave a message if there is no answer. Also, please license your pets and provide identification tags for them. That way, if your dog or cat does stray, it can be returned to your home promptly.

The ASCC is a private, non-profit corporation that relies heavily on donations. If you would like to donate, please make your check or money order payable to Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Indicate if your donation is for Operations (daily expenses) or Project Fund (a new shelter) and send it to: ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

Donations that are currently needed: Shovels, towels, blankets, dog and cat treats and toys, kitty litter, tennis balls, paper towels, toilet paper. Dog walkers and volunteers are still needed.

The Animal Shelter is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East), between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday. Phone number 348-4117.

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

COW HUMAN RABBIT
ELEPHANT LION SKUNK
GORILLA LLAMA WHALE
HORSE PIG WOLF

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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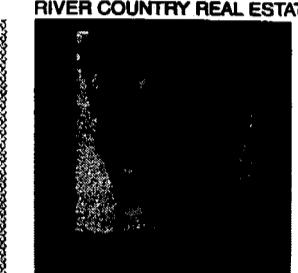
Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground	Extended Forecast
3/7	29	19		18"	(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)
3/8	38	25		18"	Wednesday- Mostly Cloudy, High 39, Low 27.
3/9	34	24	.03	18"	Thursday- Rain and Snow. High 43, Low 28.
3/10	28	5		18"	Friday- Rain and Snow. High 43, Low 25.
3/11	39	11	.21	20"	Saturday- Snow Showers. High 43, Low 23.
3/12	39	1		20"	Sunday- Snow Showers. High 39, Low 23.
3/13	34	12	.08	18"	

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

OWNER FINANCING/WILL FINANCE with 10% down. New three bedroom, two bath home with garage on 2.5 acres. Weak credit OK. \$79,900. 517-821-5995. (-8-15/1)

Debbie
BONDAR
Century 21
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE



What a wonderful country setting with a gorgeous 2 bedroom ranch home. Meticulously kept, open and airy atmosphere, plus a completely remodeled kitchen. Situated on 2 acres between Higgins Lake & Grayling. New carpeting, Pergo kitchen floor, totally remodeled baths, and extremely well maintained; inside and out. Blacktop driveway, heated garage & much more! #4709 \$129,900

Office 348-5474 • Home 348-1136

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

GRAYLING, M-72 WEST 1.8 acres commercial property. 180' frontage. 231-258-7820. (-15/1)



Nicely maintained 2 bedroom mobile home located on a 4.25 acre parcel. Kitchen features a snack bar, and comes with range and refrigerator. 26x30 garage built in 1993 has electric and cement floor, built over roof on home in 1992, large 16x26 front deck, with very close access to State land and the AuSable River. Some furnishings to remain with sale. #4636 \$46,000



1. Real Estate

H.U.D. APPROVED two, three, and four bedroom homes. Immediate occupancy, financing not a problem. Call 517-344-8810 or toll free 866-615-9511. (3/8/01tf/1)

BUILDING SITE FOR SALE 2.75 acres on paved Jones Lake Road. Includes three storage buildings. \$19,500. 517-348-3061. (-15-22/1)

HOME FOR SALE Four bedroom, two bath, attached garage. 4912 Dawn Drive. \$89,000. 616-458-8038. (1/11/01tf/1)

GRAYLING Three bedroom, two car garage. Newly remodeled - \$75,900, \$300 down, we pay all closing costs up to \$4,500. Must have good credit. Northwood Land Co. 517-732-6152 (-15-22-29-5/1)

MOBILE HOME AND LOT in Grayling Mobile Estates. Roof, windows and door have been replaced. Needs work inside. \$16,900 or best offer. 517-348-8659. (3/8/01tf/1)

SALE BY OWNER COMMERCIAL BUILDING on I-75 Bus. Loop, 1750 sq. ft., HVAC, 2203 phase, 2 restrooms. Presently a restaurant. Call 517-422-4681

For sale by Committee for Excellence, P.O. Box 527 Grayling, MI

1. Real Estate

GRAYLING Very nice three bedroom, two bath ranch style home on large lot with garage, skylights and ceiling fans. Close to downtown immediate occupancy. For more information on this or any other listings, please call Tom Taylor or Nancy today at 231-775-1326 - Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtor. 231-775-1737 (91667). (-15-22-29/1)

10 ACRES ON paved road, nicely wooded, excellent building site, potential walk out basement. 517-348-4257. (-8-15-22-29/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE Three bedroom, two bath, large living room with cathedral ceiling. Energy efficient heating system. Low heat and utility bills. Large wooded double lot. 2 1/2 blocks from Lake Margrethe. Close to ski park and snowmobile trails. \$79,500. 517-348-2855. (LR3/22/01/1)

NEW BUILT Three bedroom home, 1 1/2 bath, two car garage on 2 1/2 acres. \$87,000. 517-348-4840. (-1-8-15-22/1)

Your child's future starts today. Will the high school be ready? Vote YES on March 20th.

For sale by Committee for Excellence, P.O. Box 527 Grayling, MI

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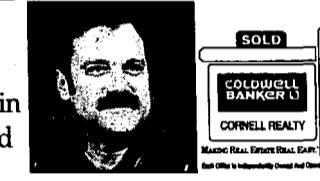
GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOTS for sale. Lifetime golf and ski memberships included. All lots are one to two acres. \$29,000 to \$49,000. Skyline Ski and Country Club. 517-275-5445 (4/20/00tf/1)

THAT VACATION CABIN OR HOME can always be found in the Avalanche For Rent Classifieds. (517) 348-6811

1. Real Estate

CALL COLDWELL BANKER

Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty
517-348-6481
800-300-6653
2003 S. I-75 B.L.
Grayling, MI 49738



QUALITY BUILT 3 HOME BUILT IN 1996.
Amenities include oak flooring in dining room, wired for surround sound, ceramic tile/heated in baths, paved drive, attached 2 car garage, landscaped yard, deck and appliances. \$98,000 MLS#10523

Call me... Duane LaMotte for all your Real Estate needs!

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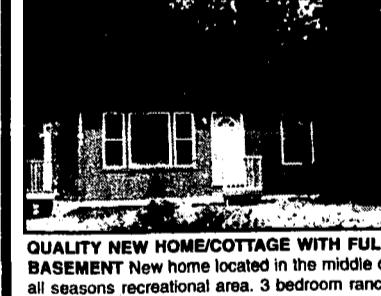


CRAIG HINKLE
Broker Owner
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Broker Owner
Valuation Specialist
CRB, GRI, CRS, ABR



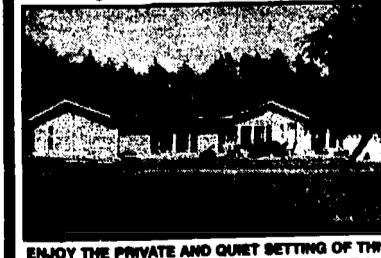
ADJOINS STATE LAND. Private park with 600 +/- frontage on the Manistee River. Nice 960 s.f. 3 B/R, 1 bath ranch home. Well insulated, drywall interior, 8 X 11 breezeway, 8 X 16 deck, and new drain field. Stove refrigerator, washer, and dryer included. CH-1255 \$49,900



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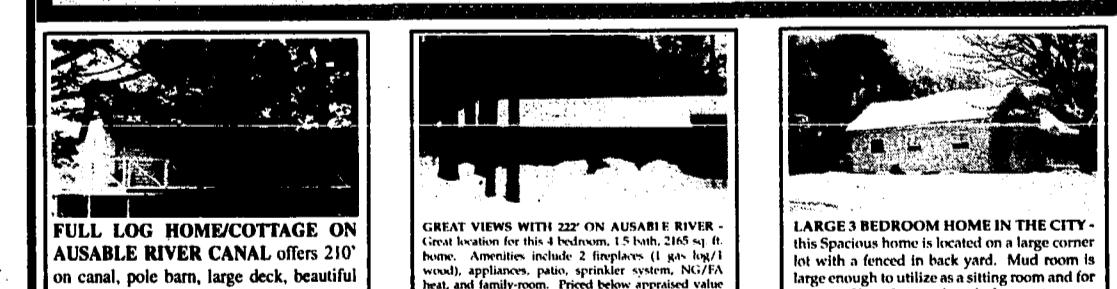
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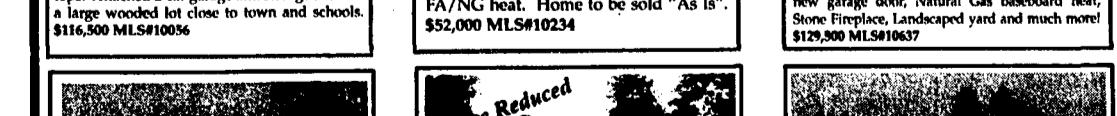
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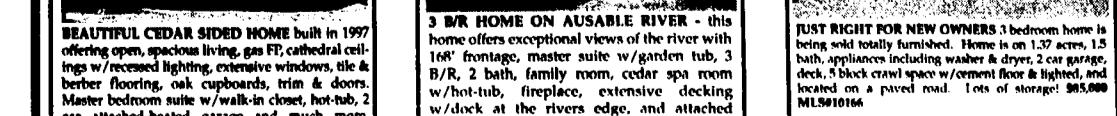
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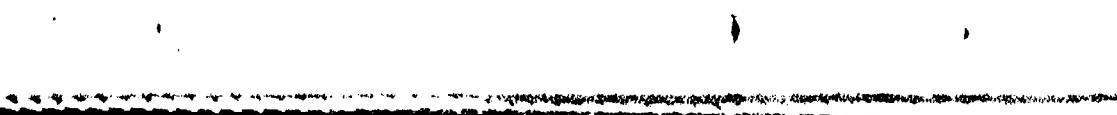
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Miller continues fight to keep Social Security numbers private

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller has agreed to the federal government's request for an additional 30 days to respond to a lawsuit challenging its requirement that the Department of State collect Social Security numbers from drivers license applicants in Michigan.

Secretary Miller filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids, January 4. Without the extension, the federal government would have been required to respond to the department's complaint by March 4.

"Our position on this issue remains unchanged and we are hopeful that by allowing the new administration additional time for review, they will realize that the use of Social Security numbers should be restricted, not expanded, to protect our citizens' personal privacy and guard against identity theft," Secretary Miller said. "I am proud

to say that due to our efforts, Michigan residents have not yet been forced to surrender their Social Security numbers for the unrelated purpose of obtaining a drivers license."

Secretary Miller filed the lawsuit after several efforts to obtain an exemption from the provision outlined in the Welfare Reform Act were rejected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Secretary Miller argued in her exemption requests that the collection of Social Security numbers would violate the strong interest her department has in protecting customer privacy. The process would be expensive and counterproductive to measures already in place by the state to track those owing child support. It was also noted that in addition to being an unfunded federal mandate, the law raises questions

"Sometimes good people write bad checks," said Steve Rhode, president of Myvesta.org, a non-profit financial services organization. Whether you race to the bank hoping your checks won't post until the money is in your account, or you just don't realize how much money you actually have, writing bad checks is bad news.

It has been reported that Americans write more than one million bad checks a day -- some on purpose, some by mistake. Those bad checks total more than \$50 million a day, and it's rising.

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Independence Agency (FIA) conducts searches of all Secretary of State databases for deadbeat parents using a name, or even part of a name. It is successful in obtaining an identification 90 percent of the time, according to figures from FIA and the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State estimates that the success rate would drop to about 60 percent under the federal law primarily because searches would be limited to only residents and driver licenses.

Other problems with the federal law identified by Secretary Miller include:

- States would not be required to verify the Social Security numbers collected by their Department of Motor Vehicles or Secretary of State offices are correct.

- The law represents a significant duplication of effort because both the Internal Revenue Service and Michigan Department of Treasury already have databases of Social Security numbers.

- The law places the majority at risk for possible misuse of their Social Security numbers and identity fraud in attempts to target a minority guilty of delinquent child support payments.

"I encourage anyone who is interested in protecting their privacy and reducing the risk of identity theft to join me in this battle by contacting their representatives in Washington and asking them to put a stop to the unwarranted collection and use of Social Security numbers."

Web site offers the 'lowdown' on bad checks

Bounced Checks: What to do if You Write Them... Or Receive Them is a free publication from Myvesta.org that offers suggestions to avoid the high fees and problems that come with bounced checks.

"Writing or receiving bad checks is a serious matter that can be costly," says Rhode, who is also the organization's co-founder. "We've seen people who have written four or five bad checks in a month and it has cost them an unexpected \$200. That can sink the family's finances."

The consequences of paying with this rubber currency can range from

bank and merchant fees up to \$50 each, being sued for up to three times the amount of the check or being prosecuted for check fraud if bouncing checks becomes a regular habit.

If you're one of the unlucky people on the receiving side of a bad check, not only will you have to try and collect payment yourself, but your bank may charge you a bad check fee as well. Some steps you can take to protect yourself are:

- Watch out for low numbered checks; an estimated nine out of ten bad checks are numbered from 101-

499.

- Keep an eye out for fakes; examples include checks with four smooth edges or glossy numbers.

- Use a check verification service to confirm authenticity before the bad check is in your hands.

For more information on bounced checks and some tips on managing your checking account, download the free publication from www.Myvesta.org

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 49 complaints during the week of March 4-10:

Two misdemeanor complaints, one civil infraction citation, five traffic accidents, five private property accidents, four motorist assists, two misdemeanor arrests, one OUIL, one civil complaint, two juvenile complaints, five assists to other departments, five false alarms, one attempt to locate, two animal complaints, three disturbance complaints, four suspicious situations, one stalking complaint, one purchase permit, and four unclassified complaints. Five traffic warnings were also issued.

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MDOT's highway-rail safety program, "Operation Lifesaver" urges motorists and professional drivers to remember these safety tips:

- Never drive around lowered gates -- it's illegal and deadly. If

you suspect a signal is malfunctioning, call the toll-free number posted on or near the crossing signal or your local law enforcement agency.

- Never race a train to the crossing -- even if you tie, you lose.

- Do not get trapped on the tracks. Never drive onto a railroad crossing until you are sure you can clear the tracks on the other side without stopping. Remember, the train is three feet wider than the tracks on both sides.

- If your vehicle stalls on a crossing, immediately get everyone out and far away from the tracks. (Move away from the tracks in the direction from which the train is approaching.) Call your local law enforcement agency for assistance.

- When waiting for a train to pass at a multiple-track crossing, watch out for a second train on the other tracks, approaching in either direction.

- Be aware that trains cannot stop quickly. Even if the locomotive engineer sees you, a freight train moving at 55 miles per hour can take a mile or more to stop once the emergency brakes are applied. That's at least 18 football fields.

- Don't be fooled by the optical illusion -- the train you see is closer and moving faster than you think. If you see a train approaching, wait for it to go by before you proceed across the tracks.

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